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# STAGGERING FIGURES: ARMY ASKS FOR MORE AS JAPAN REELS FROM HUGE BUDGET BURDEN

## War Ministry's Estimates To Be Compromised At Over Four Billion Yen

TOKYO, DEC. 8 (REUTERS)—THE WAR MINISTRY'S ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY DRAFT BUDGETS FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR TOTALLED YEN 6,000,000,000, WHICH THE FINANCE MINISTRY SLASHED TO YEN 4,400,000,000, IT IS REVEALED TODAY.

IT IS KNOWN THAT THE WAR MINISTRY IS PRESSING FOR THE RESTORATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THE SLASHED ITEMS.

The Nichi Nichi forecasts that the War Ministry's estimates will be compromised at around Yen 4,900,000,000. The Cabinet today takes up consideration of the draft budgetary estimates of all the Ministries except those of the Navy, War and Finance.

These estimates total Yen 1,770,000,000, representing an increase of Yen 399,000,000, compared with the current year. The current budget totals Yen 8,874,000,000.

The Miyako Shimbun forecasts that next year's total will be around Yen 13,000,000,000.

According to the Finance Ministry, bond issues, schedules for the present financial year, aggregate Yen 7,629,000,000, made up of Yen 5,925,000,000 needed to balance the current budget, with Yen 1,704,000,000 brought forward from last year.

Bond issues in the current year until the end of November totalled Yen 3,502,000,000, leaving a balance of Yen 4,126,000,000 not yet issued. The National Debt at the end of November totalled Yen 20,859,000,000.

**ALL-NIGHT CONFERENCE**  
After an all-night conference the Finance Ministry at dawn reached an agreement with the War Ministry in connexion with the war estimates for the next fiscal year.

As a result, the budgetary estimates are as follows: Ordinary General Accounts Yen 5,900,000,000, Extraordinary Military Budget Yen 4,460,000,000, giving a grand total of Yen 10,360,000,000.

The total shows an increase of Yen 550,000,000 compared with the present fiscal year which expires in April, 1940.

**APPROPRIATIONS**  
Appropriations for the budget of

### EX-CHINA STATION AIRMAN KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—The Air Ministry casualty list contains, amongst those killed on active service, Squadron-Leader P. M. Watt, ex-Adjutant of Air Units in H.M.S. Hermes in China and a famous glider.

### FIRM PROTEST LODGED WITH PUPPET MAYOR

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—The British Consul-General, Sir Herbert Phillips, yesterday sent a strongly worded protest, to the puppet Mayor, Fu Siao-en, in connexion with the attempt by Chinese Police of the Japanese-sponsored Special Municipality, of Greater Shanghai, to collect taxes from a British woman, Mrs. Cohen, resident outside the road district. The protest stated that the Consul-General does not recognize the authority of the Shanghai Special Municipality to collect taxes and further objected to the methods of intimidation alleged to be used by puppet tax collectors.

The action by the Consul-General followed closely two attempts in the past week to obtain taxes from British residents outside the Roads Area.

### Premature Report

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—It is learned that the British Government is ready to support sanctions against Soviet Russia as premature.

These circles stated it is too early yet to forecast but it may be decided upon after the consultation at Geneva.

the Army are—General Accounts budget Yen 1,279,000,000, Extraordinary Military budget, Yen 2,973,000,000 and for the Navy—General Accounts budget, Yen 1,028,000,000, and Extraordinary Navy budget Yen 737,000,000.

Added to the sum of Yen 750,000,000 appropriated for the Military Reserve Fund the total of military appropriations will absorb 65 per cent. of the total.

Military and other special expenditures in connexion with the "China Incident" from July, 1937, to April, 1940, have been added to next year's military budget which now totals Yen 16,455,000,000.

## Anti-British Attacks By Japanese Puppets Continue: New Example

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—An attack on Britain, in the course of which he is reported to have said that "should we, the people of the East, desire to continue our existence, we must rise and drive out the malicious influence of Britain from East Asia," was made by the Japanese Military spokesman here, in the course of a speech before a group of Chinese journalists.

The spokesman was quoted by the local Japanese-controlled press as having declared: "Britain now possesses 40 per cent. of the world total financial resources, is still not satisfied and is trying to grab privileges everywhere."

"Under the cover of the League of Nations, she tries to oust any country which shows the slightest indication of not observing her wishes."

"A number of countries, the Chungking Government included, are still willing, however, to co-operate with Britain. Britain treats every country in the same manner, even the United States, which has the same language and whose people are of the same racial stock."

"Britain won the last World War with the financial backing of the United States, but the result was that she dishonoured her loan obligations and, instead, enlarged her markets in North America and

### NEW EXODUS FROM HELSINKI

RUSSIANS START TO USE GAS

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—A new exodus from Helsinki began during the night following the official announcement that the Russians have started to use gas.

The Finnish Government makes no secret of the fact that there is not enough gas masks for the civilian population hence the growing alarm.

A tremendous number of windows were broken by bomb explosions making part of the city uninhabitable in the present weather.

Meanwhile, the snow has turned to slush, and the roads are seas of mud, making the Russian advance more laborious than ever.

**TROOPS FROM ASIA**

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—The National Tidende states that it is rumoured in Helsinki that Finnish motor torpedo boats attacked Murmansk.

The paper adds that it is also stated in Helsinki that Soviet troops from Asia, especially Mongolia, are coming to Finland's Arctic front where these soldiers are more able to stand the Arctic cold than the troops from European Russia.

### THREE WARSHIPS IN ACTION

BERGEN, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—A battle between three warships and several unidentified aeroplanes took place yesterday off the Norwegian coast, near Bergen.

Loud cannonading was heard and three battleships were later observed in action with attacking aircraft.



MADAME TABOUIS

### Tabouis Sees Peace Bid At Geneva

### NO BREAK WITH SOVIET BY ALLIES

PARIS, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—Madame Tabouis, writing in L'Ouvre, says: "Forty Nazi agents have arrived at Geneva and are busy pressing neutrals' delegates to make a big demonstration in favour of peace."

"Their methods are to reiterate that, if the neutrals leave Geneva without a peace move, the Reich will know the direction of their policy and will punish them."

"Pertinax" writing in L'Ordre, says: "France and Britain will resist any peace offensive, whether in the form of mediation proposals or suggestions of a temporary truce."

"As regards Finland, the Allies will condemn the aggression without breaking completely with the Soviet."

### EMPHATIC DENIAL

### Concentrations Of Soviet And Turkish Troops

ANKARA, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—German allegations of concentrations of Soviet and Turkish troops on the Turkish-Soviet border in Caucasus are emphatically denied in official quarters.

A statement on the subject says that neither Turkey or Russia have taken military measures on the common frontier and their aims are similar. It adds that the false German assertions are easily understandable.

Denouncing the "Nazi camarillas manoeuvres" as being aimed at diverting Soviet attention to Turkey, Turkish newspapers declare that Turkey had repeatedly proved her attitude to Russia, her great neighbour and friend, as one of perfect correction and loyalty.

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## CHINESE CHECK JAPANESE DRIVE IN KWANGSI: SURPRISE NIGHT ATTACK ON YOYANG

### CANADIAN LINER TO RESCUE

### SOS CALL FROM AMERICAN SHIP

A Canadian liner, which arrived in Hongkong yesterday, from a voyage across the Pacific Ocean responded to the distress call of an American steamer in the Northern Pacific.

Unknown to the press and people of the world at the time because of a silent radio due to war conditions, the liner, under the command of a well-known Irish Captain left her course and proceeded to the rescue of the American steamer, Peter Kerr, registered out of Portland, Oregon.

The Peter Kerr was sinking, and had holed to. The No. 1 hold was full of water, the pumps were unable to keep the water down and the bulkhead between Nos. 1 and 2 holds was badly strained.

### FIRST ON SCENE

The Canadian liner steamed up to the American vessel at 18 knots and was the first to arrive on the scene. For 15 hours the Captain of the Canadian ship stood by waiting to save the lives of the seamen. There were no passengers.

Another American steamer, the Michigan, was also answering the call for assistance from the Peter Kerr, but her speed, being eight knots, made progress slow. The Michigan and a salvage tug arrived in the vicinity of the distressed ship relieving the Empress which continued on her voyage to Japan.

The Peter Kerr carried a full cargo of machinery and made port safely with assistance.

### ENEMY PLANE DRIVEN OFF

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—The Air Ministry announce that during the night an enemy aircraft was reported off the east coast and R.A.F. fighters were sent up to intercept it. One enemy aircraft approached the Thames Estuary but was driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

## FEARS OF H.K. ESCORT GIRLS SAFELY ALLAYED

### No Move By Authorities To Close The Bureaux

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

Some three-thousand Hongkong escort girls are seriously worried! Disquieting rumours have been persisting in recent weeks, and particularly since the long arm of the law exposed the fact that under the cloak of escort bureaux, these establishments were actually carrying on the business of masseurs.

According to the law's requirements, masseurs must be qualified and their establishments duly licenced.

When the police recently prosecuted a couple of these so-called massage establishments, a serious view was taken by the court, and the opinion was freely ventilated that the escort girl system was really separated from open prostitution by only a very thin veil.

However that may be, it was stated to a reporter of the Hongkong Daily Press who made enquiries at Police Headquarters and the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs yesterday, that there are no grounds for the fear that the whole system is to be strangled on account of the errors of a few. There is nothing in the laws of the Colony to prevent escort bureaux from conducting legitimate business as such, and any

attempt to stop the practice will first need new legislation. Thus the escort bureaux system will be able to continue their business provided they do nothing against the law.

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### Severe Engagement In Progress At Kaofeng

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Central)—While the Japanese at Kaofeng, a strategic pass on the Nanking-Wuming highway, have been repulsed, those advancing on the Nanking-Pinyang highway to as far as Paitong, 30 miles north-east of Nanning, have also been driven southward, according to military advices. The Chinese are said to be following in hot pursuit.

A Japanese unit trapped in the hills at Kaofeng is running short of food.

It is reported that during the severe engagement at Kaofeng on Monday, which resulted in a Japanese defeat, some 600 Japanese were killed and 40 rifles seized.

### NIGHT ATTACK

MILO HUNAN, Dec. 8 (Central)—Chinese troops operating on the north bank of the Sinsiang River launched a surprise night attack on Yoyang, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 88 miles north of Changsha, on Dec. 6. A part of them reached the eastern gate.

Japanese reinforcements were thrown into the field. Fighting continued the following day.

### TOWN RAIDED

KWEILIN, Dec. 8 (Central)—Six Japanese aircraft bombed Chuanchow, in North Kwangsi, near the Hunan border, yesterday. A number of bombs were dropped.

### COUNTER-DRIVE

YUNGYUN, KWANGTUNG, Dec. 8 (Central)—Three Chinese columns are continuing their counter-drive down the Canton-Hankow Railway, in Kwangtung.

The bulk of the Japanese force has fallen to Kuntien, 25 miles north of Canton while about 2,000 are scattered south-east of Nanchang, 33 miles north of Canton.

A Japanese artillery unit from Samshui heavily shelled Maofeng, 17 miles above Samshui, on Dec. 6. Chinese batteries retaliated, forcing the enemy to withdraw to Samshui.

Reports from Namhoi District state that over 200 Chinese civilians were killed and wounded and 600 houses demolished as a result of the recent Japanese invasion of Sachiu, Kunshan, Shatai, Minlok and Taitung, all in Namhoi District.

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## Special War Equipment For Germany

Special to the H.K. Daily Press  
PARIS, Dec. 8 (Havas)—Most reliable information reaching military circles here states that the German High Command has decided on the German war industry building the most modern and special war equipment throughout the winter, especially in: Ruhr, Silesia and Bohemia factories. Construction of larger guns will particularly be intensified.

German efforts are also aiming to create a powerful artillery in some specialised army corps.

It is learned, on the other hand, that the Skoda works will be amalgamated with the Krupp interests. It will be recalled in this connection that the Maginot Line had been considerably extended and fortified recently, with the view to coping with the new German armament programme.

## HONGKONG SPENDS \$10 MILLION PER ANNUM ON ESCORT GIRLS

According to figures collected by a reporter of the Hongkong Daily Press, in the course of investigating the escort-girl system in the Colony, it is estimated that the public of Hongkong spends well over \$10,000,000 a year on escort girls.

Estimating that 3,000 girls work an average of 50 hours each, a week, at \$1 an hour, the young men—and old—of the Colony would be spending \$150,000 per week. In a year of 52 weeks, the total would be \$7,800,000. This does not include the amount spent on drinks and entertainment, which are incidental. With the extras, the figure would easily top the \$10,000,000 mark.



# MAIN INTEREST WILL BE CENTRED ON FOUR LADIES' GAMES IN SUNDAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE CARD

## Canadian Chinese To Face First Real Test

BY R.O.Y.

Although four men's games are down for decision tomorrow, main interest of the fans will be centred on two of the four ladies' matches that will also be played.

First in importance will be the Wahooks-Canadian Chinese clash at noon; the latter are the only unbeaten squad in the competition and will be meeting their first real test of the season.

The Green Owls, having lost a close game to the Wildcats, are in second position and will fight hard for a victory that will put them back on top of the heap.

### IMPORTANT MATCH

The other match, which will have an important bearing on the league standings, is the Recreio Wildcats fixture which is scheduled to start at 10.30 a.m. on the Recreio ground.

The Wildcats lost unexpectedly to the Ball Club females in their last outing and will have to take this game to stay in the running for the championship, they now hold.

The Ramblerettes also took a tumble at their previous try, but are still tied in second place with the opposing Chinese girls. The result of the game will depend on the ability of hurler Lily Mar to hold the Recreio sluggers in check and if she can do this, the Wildcats should finish on the long end of the score.

### THE OPENER

The opener at Prince Edward Road will see the Pirates tangle with the Cubs at 10.30 a.m., in what should be an easy outing for the Buccaneers.

The other ladies' fixture will be the Ball Club-Baby Panthers game at 1.30 p.m. After their convincing triumph over the Wildcats, the Ball Club girls should not be unduly troubled by the Baby Panthers who have invariably given their opponents a close fight, but have displayed lack of finishing power.

### MEN'S PROGRAMME

Commencing with the Ball Club-Machine Gunners go on the C. B. A. ground at noon, the men's programme has nothing of promise to offer.

Chung Hwa will probably go out and play a lackadaisical game against the Filipino Club and still run out winners by a wide margin. The Canadian Chinese are likely to meet with a little more opposition from the Liga gang, but it is

## Today's Lawn Bowls Match

As some of the selected players are unable to take part, it has been necessary to re-arrange some of the links to represent St. George's Society in the Lawn Bowls game against St. Andrew's Society, which takes place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club today, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

St. George's Society's team will be:—

- V. C. Labrum, H. E. the Governor, J. Deakin, J. K. Bousfield (skip).
- J. S. Howell, J. Watson, T. E. Robson, B. W. Bradbury (skip).
- G. T. Padgett, G. E. F. Thompson, S. Eccleshall, A. W. Grimmit (skip).
- R. P. Phillips, V. Walker, S. Randle, F. Goodwin (skip).
- P. S. Cassidy, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, S. M. White, J. G. Meyer (skip).
- B. D. Evans, Hon. Mr. R. E. Lindell, E. V. Searle, J. Hollidge (skip).
- B. E. Maughan, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, D. W. Waterton, W. S. Drake (skip).
- W. A. Cornell, L. de Rome, T. Armstrong, A. E. Carey (skip).

### ADVERTISEMENT

## THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The December Race Meeting will be held at Areia Preta, Macao, on Sunday, 10th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. approximately.

By order,

S. W. CHENG,  
Secretary.

# GOVERNOR'S CUP WILL BE MAIN EVENT AT MACAO RACE MEETING TOMORROW

(BY "LAST QUARTER")

The main event at the December Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, which will be held at the Areia Preta course tomorrow afternoon, will be the Governor's Cup, for which there are twelve entries, including such old stalwarts as Shanghai 4 and Fairy Auk.

Another feature that would undoubtedly interest onlookers is the Melbourne Handicap for "C" Class Australian Ponies, though one might have expected better response from owners than the mere five contenders.

### Kiang Wu Handicap

I surmise that both Fairy Auk and Shanghai 4 will not start in this half mile sprint as they will probably be held over for the main event, the Governor's Cup, but if they are saddled both these ponies are capable of accounting for the opposition, with my preference for Shanghai 4.

In the event of neither pony accepting, and on which I am basing my tips, Meadow Eve should be first home, in view of this grey's performance at the last meeting. Merry Maker and Gold Clause are superior to the others and should share remaining two positions between them. For an outsider, I think Country Flower as the most promising.

### Mongha Handicap

As the distance is only half a mile I think despite having to carry top weight, Eagle should win here as he was not fully extended in his last outing and is the best sprinter amongst the entrants. If High Tower is fit, this grey should be the next one to follow as he is the only one, in my opinion, that can give Eagle a race or even beat him in a sprint event. Na-

### Governor's Cup

This classic is over one mile and my choice is Shanghai 4, as this pony has come on nicely of late and the allotted weight (146 lbs.) is not too excessive. The main opposition will be furnished by Fairy Auk (180 lbs.) but in view of the weight I do not think this grey will be able to beat Shanghai 4. Meadow Eve, may start here again, as the opening race is only half a mile. If this pony runs well in his first start and is saddled again for this event, it may be the



THE GOVERNOR'S CUP

## SCHOOL BOYS & COMPETITIVE GAMES

"I entirely agree with the Principal, (of the Central British School, Rev. G. E. S. Updeil), that it is not desirable that boy's still at school should take part in competitive games against local clubs," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the school's prize-giving yesterday.

"It is a fact that not a few football games between clubs, owing to their inter-national nature, are fought with a deplorable lack of sportsmanship."

Umpires: W. Woo, H. Quon and G. White.

### RECREIO GROUND

10.30 Wildcats v. Recreio: Umpires: Thomas, Gurevitch, and J. J. Higgins.  
3 p.m.: Recreio v. U. S. S. Tulsa (Friendly).

# BEST MATCH IN LADIES' HOCKEY LEAGUE SEASON TODAY

(BY "RECORDER")

"Y" Ladies, holders of the Caer Clark Cup, and St. Andrew's Ladies, second favourites for the Senior League Championship, meet this afternoon in what should be the best match of the Ladies' Hockey League season.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES

Both teams have made important changes in their line-up. The champions have brought in the Shanghai Interporter, Miss Decima Eardley, at centre-forward, moving Miss Dorothy McCaw, one of the best centre-forwards now in the Colony, to left-wing.

St. Andrew's Ladies have considerably strengthened their attack by the inclusion at left-wing of Miss Betty Longbottom. St. Andrew's start with on paper, a stronger defence than "Y" Ladies, though their intermediate line is weaker. The forward lines are evenly matched, and it remains to be seen which team experimented with more success.

### THE TEAMS

The game will be played on the "Y" ground, commencing from 3 p.m. The teams will be:

ST. ANDREW'S: Miss June Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Miss S. West, Miss J. Wong, and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts, Miss H. Reid, and Miss B. Longbottom.

"Y" LADIES: Miss C. Minoot; Mrs. I. E. Stone and Mrs. N. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck, and Miss K. M. Pocock; Mrs. O. Burnett; Miss B. Harker, Miss Decima Eardley, Mrs. S. Gardner, and Miss D. McCaw.

### OTHER MATCHES

In other Caer Clark Cup matches on this afternoon's programme, C.B.A. are at home to Hongkong Ladies, and Central British School to Recreio Ladies. H.K. Ladies and the C.B.A. start favourites.

In the Brown Cup League matches, the Diocesan Girls' School are at home to the Argonauts, St. Andrew's meet C.B.A., and Recreio are at home to "Y" Ladies.

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| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.                                 | 1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's "C" Brandy.                                | 1 Qt. Manzanilla Sherry.           |
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## HITLER'S LATEST EFFORTS TO WOO THE CONFIDENCE OF TURKEY

### NEW ENVOY'S WORK DESTINED TO FAIL

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Herr Hitler's latest envoy to Turkey, Baron von Lersner, has been hard at work since he arrived four days ago to regain for the Reich the confidence of the Turks, since Herr von Papen's mission is considered to have failed completely, according to dispatches from Ankara.

#### TURKS REMEMBER

Baron von Lersner, who describes himself the "Representative in Turkey of the German Near East Club," claims that his task consists of a better furthering of Turkish-German cultural, social and economic relations.

It is not thought, however, that this new Nazi bid to win over the Turks will have the desired effect, as the Turks are unlikely to forget in a hurry the bitter experiences of the past.

#### PRESS CRITICISM

Turkish newspapers on Wednesday and Thursday carried articles violently attacking the Nazi diplomats accredited to Turkey, whom they hold to be directly responsible for the wide distribution two days ago of a Turkish translation of the Pravda's bitter attack on the Turkish press.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, returned to London after a brief visit to North England. (Reuter).

### Stomach Upset by Acidity?

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### SOVIET PLANE DOWNED WITH ONE RIFLE SHOT

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Finland, today honours a Finnish rifleman who brought down a Soviet plane with one shot.

The rifleman drew a careful bead on the aircraft's petrol tank and fired one shot. It pierced the tank and down came the plane just outside Helsinki.

## Nazi Press Allegations

### REFUTATION BY AIR MINISTRY

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—In connection with the R.A.F. raids on German naval bases, the German press alleged that the British planes were repulsed by anti-aircraft fire and had to make their escape over Danish territory.

On the other hand, the Air Ministry announced that the flight was successful and it was denied in both London and Copenhagen that the British planes violated Danish territory.

#### COLLISION CLAIMED

According to the German press, a German and British machine collided off the Dutch coast and fell into the sea.

Nothing is known about this in London, but a Coastal Command machine reports having inflicted damage on two Dornier flying boats over the North Sea.

Neither of the German planes were brought down, but they were damaged and swayed in their flight, in the words of the British pilot. He said it was doubtful whether at least one of the flying-boats would be able to get back to its base.

#### PURSUED TO SEA

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that shortly before the air engagement over the Firth of Forth yesterday, in the course of which eight enemy aircraft were driven off, two aircraft were encountered by R. A. F. fighters.

The enemy planes immediately turned back, but were pursued out to sea and one was seen to be hit.

### SOVIET PILOTS EXECUTED BY OGPU

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Reports reaching Helsinki from Baltisk, the Estonian Baltic port, state that Soviet Army officials and the OGPU executed 21 Soviet pilots on charges of sabotage.

The aviators refused to renew their aerial attacks on Finnish towns.

## TORPEDOING OF DUTCH STEAMER

### Indignation In Holland

#### FRESH GERMAN THREAT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Holland is filled with indignation at the torpedoing of the 8,159-ton Dutch steamer *Tajandoen*, the eighth ship and the third largest Holland has lost in the war.

It is pointed out that the disaster follows immediately on German's threat to Holland and the Dutch reply.

Queen Wilhelmina yesterday visited the flooded areas of Holland and inspected the Army's defence preparations, about which no secret is being made following the new German warning.

#### NAZIS ANNOYED

It is learned that German official circles are angry at the news that British Consular Officers are now on board Dutch ships in Dutch ports to examine cargo at the suggestion of Dutch shipping interests.

This greatly speeds up the contraband control system but Germany regards it as a gross breach of neutrality and it is anticipated that German pressure on the Dutch Government will be further increased.

#### SIX STILL MISSING

A later message from Amsterdam states that all the passengers of the *Tajandoen* were saved, according to a telegram from the Captain and that six of the crew are missing.

A second boatload of survivors were picked up and it is now believed that six persons are missing.

#### TELEPHONE BAN LIFTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Netherlands military authorities have lifted the ban on the use of telephones in areas proclaimed sometime ago to be in "a state of siege."

Only the Dutch, English, French and German languages, however, may be used in conversation over the telephone.

#### 64 SURVIVORS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Belgian steamer *Louisschild* carrying 64 survivors of the *Tajandoen*, ran ashore in the English Channel. Lifeboats went to her assistance and took the *Tajandoen* survivors to an English port.

The captain stated that he was uncertain whether the explosion was due to a torpedo or a mine.

#### DUTCH DEMARCHE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Netherlands Government has made a demarche to the German Government concerning the torpedoing of the steamer *Siedrecht*.

## Rothermere Case Echo In Commons

### PRINCESS LEAVING ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—An echo of the recent Rothermere Court Case was heard in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. George Strauss (Lab.) asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the revelations in the recent High Court action of her close association with the German Chancellery, he was considering the deportation of Princess Hohenlohe.

Sir John Anderson replied: "I understand this Hungarian subject has made arrangements to leave the country by a boat sailing in the next few days."

## Dangers To Shipping In North Sea

### BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

HAGA, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Owing to the danger to shipping in the North Sea, the Baltic States are arranging to transport goods destined for Holland and Belgium via Hamburg and German waterways.

#### EIGHT LIVES LOST

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announce that "His Majesty's trawler *Washington* (209 tons) was sunk yesterday in the North Sea with the loss of eight lives.

#### MID-SEA COLLISION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Liverpool steamer *Chancellor* (4,607 tons) is reported to have sunk in the Atlantic following a collision with another vessel in the convoy. The crew were rescued.

### CANADA'S UNITED DETERMINATION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Mr. Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, arrived back in England on Wednesday with the Australian Air Minister. He had flown from Canada and said he was amazed at the united determination of Canada to play a full part in the war.

Many Americans were coming forward and offering themselves for service with Canada, he had been told.

Relief is provided by the Ministry of Communications for the officers and workers of the Peiping-Hankow Railway who have been unemployed since the Japanese occupation of the greater part of the line. Over 4,000 of them and their families gathered at Yencheng, and Chengchow have been relieved. Some 2,000 have been given work in Kwangyuan and Chungking while 600 are serving on the Szechwan-Shensi highway.

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# TRIBUTE PAID TO PATRIOTIC SPIRIT SHOWN BY CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL STUDENTS: SPEECH DAY

High tribute was paid to the excellent patriotic spirit shown by the students of the Central British School, when, at their annual prize day yesterday, both the Principal, the Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell, M.A., H.C.F., C.I.E.E., and Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, who presided, in their addresses to the large gathering present, disclosed how the students had decided to forego almost all the prizes that were to be won and, with Government consent, had the prize fund diverted to the British War Organisation Fund. The idea was their own and came without any prompting.

"I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating them on their public spirit," said Mr. Upsdell, in the course of his report for the year, "And I hope it will be an example to many in the Colony."

The principal, in presenting the report for 1938-39 said, in part—

The school was in charge of Mr. Handyside for the winter term, 1938 and I resumed responsibility once again in January 1939 on return from leave. There have been two events of special importance. First, the school has been approved by the Cambridge University as being eligible for the "A" certificate, which gives it the hall mark in the educational world of a first class secondary school; Second, the school now ranks as one of the Senior Schools of the Colony as from Jan. 1, of this year. The maximum enrolment during the year was 322 and average attendance was 94 per cent.

## STUDIES

In the Cambridge School Certificate Examination seven sat and four passed. Of the other three, one obtained three credits, passed in three other subjects, but failed in mathematics. And thus was failed in the whole examination; one had to undergo a serious operation in the middle of the examination, after plucking taking 5 papers.

One candidate sat for the H.K. University Matriculation examination with excellent results, which qualified him for a Government scholarship at the Hongkong University.

Eighteen candidates sat for the Hongkong School Certificate examination from Form 5 and 11 passed.

The Library's supply of fiction is met almost entirely by gifts from the pupils themselves. This is a matter of gratification in itself, but considerably narrows the Librarian's power of selection. Those who give of their spare time for the administration of the library deserve full credit for their work.

## SPORTS

Outdoor games and athletics are now an integral part of the life of the school, although their importance is not emphasized to the detriment of other activities; and our school teams, in all branches of sport, continue to indulge in friendly competition with those of other schools and clubs.

Some of our senior boys are already playing for clubs in the Colony and I appeal to parents to be very cautious before giving such permission. Much time and effort is put into their training and we naturally expect their full support in the school activities until they leave us; it is only in exceptional circumstances that such permission should be given and then only with the consent of the Headmaster.

## C.B.A.

This leads me to say a few words on the importance and value of a strong past pupils' Association. The school gives of its best to the pupils while they are with us and we look forward to the bond of unity being continued after they have completed their school life. During the year the constitution of the Association has been revised. It is natural that our past pupils should be found in many of the Colony's clubs and the membership of the C.B.A. has been divided into 2 sections: (a) Full membership at a subscription of \$15 per year; (b) Club membership at a subscription of \$3 per year.

I should like to appeal to all our past pupils who have entered other clubs to retain their union with us by joining section (b) at the nominal subscription of \$3 per annum and thus be with us in social activities: a letter to me will put you in touch with our Hon. Secretary and the spirit of the school will thus be maintained and our unity continued.

## SCHOOL HOURS

In the winter and spring terms the official normal hours amount to 26 hours 25 minutes per week and in the summer term to 25 hours per week (not including recess). To meet the needs of Hongkong parents a concession has been made in the summer term to stop at 12.25 p.m. instead of 12.50 p.m.

The long distance of the homes of many of the children from school and the difficulties of transport made this concession advisable. In England the hours at Secondary Schools are (on the average) 25 hours per week (including recess) all the year round and holidays are 1 month at Xmas, 3 weeks at Easter and 8 weeks in the summer.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Shortly before my return from leave a meeting of parents was held to consider the formation of a parents' Association.

Two complaints have been received by me since my return and I take this opportunity of publicly answering them:—

(1) Frequent change of Principal. It may be expected that the approval by Government of this school being a Senior appointment as from Jan. 1, 1939 will reduce the need for changes of Principal to a minimum.

(2) Books—Before the opening of this school in 1938 the various members of the Staff, who are specialists in their own subjects, revised the book list, bringing it up to date and changes were made accordingly. Last year I understand they were again altered.

I assure parents that there will therefore be no need for further changes for some time except in so far as examinations demand.

## GIRL GUIDES

Our Company of Girl Guides (1st Kowloon Company) has had a very active year in charge of Mrs. Beeken. Mrs. Clarke left for Home leave at the end of January and we were fortunate in having Miss A. Laikovetsky to take her place.

We are sorry to lose some of the older Guides who have done invaluable work for the Company. At the Banner Competition we tied for second place with two other Companies. The Guides' Wild Flower Knowledge which, owing to Mrs. Clarke's untiring energy, was excellent, evoked special praise.

## CODE OF HONOUR

My attention has been drawn to recent correspondence in the Press. I take this opportunity

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## VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

### ANNUAL STOCK TAKING

No stores or clothing and equipment of any description will be issued from H.Q. from December 23, 1939 to January 4, 1940 (both dates inclusive).

### PARADES

2nd Battery  
Layers Examination: Dec. 10, Scandal Point, 9 a.m. Dress as for Battery parade, less greatcoat.  
A.A.L.M.G. Class: Dec. 11, Kennedy Road Range, 5 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

### 3rd Battery

Gun Detachments and Range-Takers: Dec. 11, Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes.

Lewis Gun Squad: Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

### 4th Battery

Dec. 13, Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Dress—Overalls.

Field Company Engineers  
Dec. 11, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry.

### Corps Signals

Dec. 9, Reconnaissance party as detailed.  
Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

### Mobile Column

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Pay parade. All N.C.O.'s and men who were at camp will attend this parade.

Armoured Car Platoon  
Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes. M.G. instruction.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon  
Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

### No. 1 Company

Nos. 1 and 2, Platoons: Dec. 12, (i) Squad No. 2 Only. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. (ii) Squad No. 4. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver training. (iii) Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.  
No. 4 (Troop) Platoon: Dec. 12 and 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

### No. 2 Company

Dec. 13, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B Class. M.G. stripping and assembling.

### No. 3 Company

Dec. 10, Stonecutters, M.G. Part II. Those detailed. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Dress—Optional, but equipment will be worn.

Dec. 11 and 14, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

### No. 4 Company

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. L.G. T.O.E.T.

Dec. 13, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Infantry training.

### No. 5 Company

Dec. 10, Kowloon City Range, 9 a.m. Members of No. 5 and No. 6 Companies who have not yet fired Rifle Tables A and B will attend. Dress—Optional, but belt, braces, pouches and frog must be worn. Range Officers—As detailed by O.C. Companies.

Dec. 12, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Class A. Demonstrations—Teaching gun drill and training gun numbers in use of ground and cover. (ii) Class B—Visual training and recognition. (iii) Class C. Spare parts.

### No. 6 Company

Dec. 10, Kowloon City Range. See details in No. 5 Company's order above.

Dec. 12, As detailed by O.C. Coy.

### No. 7 Company

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. training. No. 1 Platoon. Rifle training.

No. 2 Platoon as per Company schedule.

Army Service Corps Company  
Supply Section: Dec. 9, R.A.S.C. Camber, Queen's Road, 7 p.m. B Squad will report for duty vide Corps Orders No. 61/39.

Transport Section: Dec. 10, R.A.S.C. Camber, 9.30 a.m. Driving instruction.

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s drill.

### Field Ambulance

Dec. 13, Dec. 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress—Uniforms as for last Wednesday.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain.  
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

### AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.  
The next Lecture in First Aid will be held on Friday, December 15, at 5.30 p.m. in the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Practical Bandaging Classes will be held on Monday, Dec. 11 at 10.30 a.m. at Volunteer H.Q. and at 5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill, Happy Valley. Transport for the evening class will leave Volunteer H.Q. at 5.15 p.m.

The following member was attached to the Military Hospital for training during the period shown: Mrs. Kelvin Stark, 20.11.39 to 27.11.39.

(Sgd.) MRS. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Assistant Comdt., Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

## FINAL REHEARSALS FOR "NO! NO! NANETTE" GIVE PROMISE OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS

(BY "PRUDENCE")

Those who seek an antidote for gloom will find it at the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday next, when the Philharmonic Society, start their four-day run of No! No! Nanette!

An invitation to the first costume-rehearsal brought us to the stage door the other night, to find an atmosphere of bustle and expectancy everywhere.

### ABLE LEADERSHIP

Under the able leadership of Surg. Capt. Hobbs, R. N., (the Musical Director) the Band of the Royal Scots were giving a spirited rendering of the overture, while in the wings a bevy of young and pretty girls, clad in most enchanting coral-pink "scanties," waited their cue for the opening chorus.

Here let me state that the dancing and team-work throughout the show are quite exceptionally good, and the eight Specialty Dancers, led by Peggy Scooter and Peggy Stoneman, are simply splendid... and no wonder... since they have all been drilled, and their numbers arranged by Carol Dateman, of Shanghai, who has every reason to feel proud of her team, which is the best ever seen in a Philharmonic Show.

### EXCELLENT CASTING

Congratulations are also due to Mr. Willie Robertson, the producer, for his excellent casting.

Harry Cocker, as the gay and irresponsible husband who leads Nanette astray, has a wonderful part, which fits him like a glove, and he is ably abetted by his opposite number Willie Simpson.

## POLICE SEEKING JUNK MASTER

Nine cases of cigarettes, valued at \$1,833, part of the booty from a junk robbed in British waters on Dec. 1, have been recovered by a police party led by Police Sergeant Davies.

It is understood that a junk master, Leung Kau, is being sought in connection with the robbery. The cigarettes were of Yellow Dragon and Star Brands.

These two clever comedians provide some excellent fooling as they tumble in and out of "hot-water" in their frantic efforts to keep their wives and their girl-friends apart!

Without giving any secrets away... their Trapeze-number, and their burlesque of the song "Tea For Two" are both quite incredibly funny.

Jean Greig makes a charming Nanette and her lovely high notes will be heard to great advantage in a number of charming songs. Anne Parkes, as the very prim and proper wife, makes an admirable foil to the sophisticated "Lucille," which Nina Valentine knows how to play with airy cynicism and a very keen sense of fun.

### MANY NEW COMERS

In addition to these established local favourites, there are a number of very charming newcomers, all of them worth watching... so those who want to spend a really cheery evening should book their seats early for "No! No! Nanette!"... not forgetting that every seat bought will benefit the British War Organisation Fund... as the Philharmonic Society are most generously donating all their profits this year to the B.W.O.F.

## Peruvian Ban On Entry Of Chinese

### VIGOROUS PROTEST TO BE LODGED

Chinese circles in Hongkong are indignant at the abrogation of the Sino-Peruvian Immigration Agreement by the Peruvian Government on Dec. 3, and the prohibition of Chinese entry into Peru.

The Peruvian action, they hold, will have an injurious effect upon the friendly relations and trade between China and Peru.

### MEETINGS HELD

Chinese merchants here have held meetings to discuss measures to cope with the situation. Separate telegrams have been sent to the Executive Yuan, the Overseas Affairs Commission and the Chinese Consul-General in Peru. Mr. Li Chun, asking that a vigorous protest be lodged with the Peruvian Government.

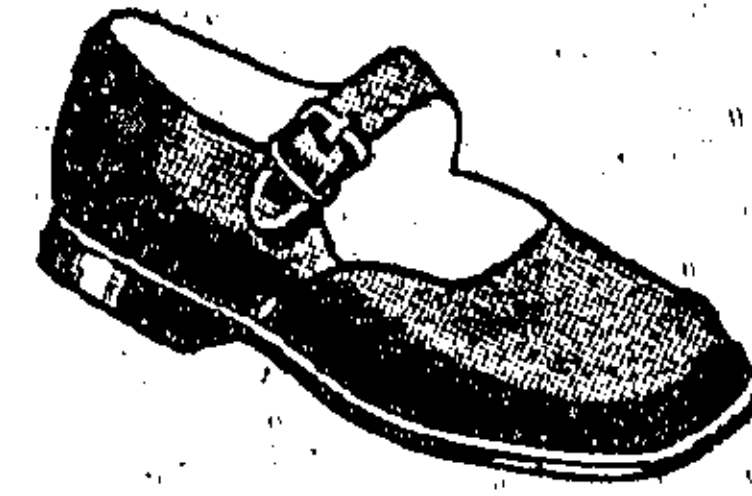
## SALVATION ARMY POUND DAY

Yesterday was set aside as Pound Day for the Salvation Army's Home for Girls.

The meaning of this day, which calls for donations from money to various merchandise for the members of the Home, relates to Christmas activities for the girls. The many donations will be used to make the Christmas tide bright, happy and gay for the girls.

Mrs. Costelloe, at the Helena May Institute, Mrs. Yale, at Harrow View, and Mrs. Rushworth, in Argyle Street, received the donations for the Salvation Army. In case many of the public did not avail themselves of Pound Day, their donations will gladly be accepted and time before Christmas at the above mentioned addresses.

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## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that VALENTINE ADRIAN, formerly known as VALENTINE ADRIAN (ADRIANOVITCH) NOVIKOV, on the 30th day of November, 1939, by a deed poll formally and absolutely renounced and relinquished and abandoned the use of his surname of NOVIKOV and then assumed and adopted and determined thenceforth on all occasions whatsoever to use and subscribe the name of VALENTINE ADRIAN instead of the said name of VALENTINE ADRIAN NOVIKOV.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that the said VALENTINE ADRIAN, formerly known as VALENTINE ADRIAN NOVIKOV, of No. 35 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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## FEDERAL UNION

(Contributed)

THE FORTNIGHTLY 'NEWS' of the League of Nations points out that the attention being given to the possibility of making a federated Europe as a bulwark of peace in the future recalls, the historic document in which the French Government in 1929 commended to the consideration of Members of the League M. Briand's scheme for a European Federal Union.

IN THE LIGHT OF FUTURE EVENTS and present controversies, it is especially interesting to note the tenor of some of the replies from the Member States at that time to this proposal. As will be recalled, the scheme came to naught, but it is noteworthy that less than ten years ago the Governments, after ten years experience of the working of the League, were convinced of the importance of maintaining its organisation.

FOR INSTANCE, the Spanish Government considered it essential that any system of European co-operation should be in harmony with the League of Nations and kept within its framework. The Netherlands Government was glad to note that, in the French Government's opinion, nothing should be done in seeking a formula of European co-operation to weaken the authority of the League. The Finnish Government thought it necessary that the future European union should be organised within the framework of the League of Nations. The Italian Government was convinced that any proposal for federal union should be harmonised with the structure and with the work of the League of Nations, and it held that, at first, the right to membership of the union should be limited to the League's Member States. The Austrian Government also considered that the union should be in full harmony with the League of Nations in the machinery of Geneva. The Polish Government remarked that the union could not be regarded as anything other than a reasonable understanding within the framework of the Covenant of the League "which is and always will be the supreme law for all Members of the League." The German Government concurred in the view that the efforts to secure European co-operation must not injure the League of Nations.

NO STEP SHOULD BE CONTEMPLATED which could lead to isolating Europe from other continents which might result in the formation of other groups within the League. The Hungarian Government unhesitatingly accepted the principle that European co-operation should not weaken the authority of the League of Nations. The Swedish Government observed that the present organisation of the League of Nations afforded to the widest possible extent and within the limits of the Covenant itself the possibility of untrammelled and effective co-operation between European States. The Swiss Government considered that the League of Nations represented a great achievement of civilisation in the cause of peace. It corresponded to a vital need and all action likely to weaken or unsettle it should be avoided. European union would no longer be desirable if "it



Spectators at the Twelfth Extra Race meeting at the Valley.

British War  
Organization  
Fund, H.K.

By the courtesy of the Blue Funnel Line, ten cases of Supplies are being despatched to England in the course of this week. The materials were purchased out of public donations to the British War Organization Fund, Hongkong Branch.

The contents of the cases are:—1,216 Abdominal Swabs, 94 Many tailed Bandages, 574 Triangular Bandages, 617 Rolled Calico Bandages, 386 Gauze rolled Bandages, 143 T. Bandages, 150 Towels, 30 Sheets, 738 Gauze Dressings, 2,320 Small Swabs, 144 Operating Coats, 13. Hospital Socks (pairs), 224 Pullovers, 223 Socks (pairs), 371 Scarves, 25 Pairs Mittens, 6 Balaclava Helmets.

The Hospital Supplies have been sent to the British Red Cross, Knitted articles to the Officer in Charge, Army Comforts and the Royal Naval Comforts Depot.

It is expected that similar supplies will be sent regularly once a month.

There will be no meeting at the U.S.R.C. on Dec. 13, 20 or 27, but supplies of materials can be obtained from Mrs. Phillips, 13, Observatory Road.

## KNITTING SECTION

The Knitting Section continues to work on Tuesdays at the Helena May Institute, and on Thursdays at 350, The Peak. (Telephone 29019) and wool and patterns are given out to those who prefer to knit at home.

An appeal has been received from England asking urgently for knitted comforts for the Services, and it is hoped that all who can will knit warm garments, so that frequent consignments may be sent, as the men's needs are especially great during the coming months.

## Chungking - Moscow

## Air Mail Service

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Post Office announces that hereafter air mail letters for European countries may be routed over the new Chungking-Moscow Airline. Such mail must be marked "Via Almaty."

Additional air mail postage will be 25 cents for Almaty, 80 cents for Russia in Asia, \$1.15 for European Russia and \$2 for European countries.

Such mails may be accepted at the Chungking, Chengtu, Kuming and Hainan Post Offices.

Lecture Given By  
Mr. D.B. Bone

A lecture on the propulsion of coasting vessels was given before the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong yesterday evening by Mr. David B. Bone. There were about 40 persons present.

The speaker reviewed more recent developments in the general problem of ship propulsion in so far as these were applicable to coasters, discussing hull, propeller, and machinery design.

meant a limitation of the possibilities of action and development of the League of Nations.

THESE ARE RANDOM SELECTIONS from the twenty-six replies received by the League from Member States on the subject of the French memorandum. The document containing the full text of these replies and the relevant memorandum by the French Government was published in September, 1939 (document A.46.1939.VII). It has more than an historic interest at the moment. It has a real value in assessing possibilities in the process of eventual peace construction.

CENTRAL BRITISH  
SCHOOL

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of putting two points to the few parents concerned with regard to our "Code of honour" which we endeavour to instill into our children.

## EXCELLENT SPIRIT

The absence of many prizes will be noticeable this evening and the cause for this is a great testimony to the "spirit" of the children. A deputation came to me asking that the money spent on prizes might be given this year to the British War Organization Fund. My reply was that I could only make this recommendation to Government if it was the full wish of the children.

At a meeting of the school presided over by the prefects this wish was unanimously approved; neither the Headmaster nor any member of the Staff was present so that it could not be said that any pressure was exerted.

The prize winners who will receive certificates in place of their prizes subsequently confirmed this wish individually and I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating them on their public spirit which I hope will be an example to many in the Colony.

MR. JUSTICE LINDSELL After the prizes had been distributed by Mr. Justice Lindsell he addressed the gathering briefly. Thanking the Principal for the pleasure and honour of being asked to donate the prizes, Mr. Justice Lindsell said that after many years in a place, one is too apt, perhaps, to take its institutions for granted.

"I would particularly congratulate you on the patriotic spirit in deciding to forgo almost all the prizes that were to be won, and with Government consent, to have the Prize Fund diverted to the British War Organization Fund," said Mr. Justice Lindsell, "that this idea came without any prompting is most laudable."

The gathering adjourned after the choral society, consisting of girls of forms VI, V and VI had rendered songs, and the National Anthem was sung.

Owing to pressure on space the Prize List is held over.

GOOD PRESS  
RECEPTIONS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill, gets a good press in connection with his statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war at sea.

The Daily Telegraph says he did not attempt to gloss over the realities. He said, "quite frankly, that losses must be expected and even occasional disasters. That was better than concealing the truth."

## AIR RAID SHELTERS

The News Chronicle announces that survey shows that two out of every three people in Britain now have access to some form of air raid shelter.

CHAN WEI-CHOW  
DENIES RUMOURS

Mr. Chan Wei-chow, elder brother of Gen. Chan Chai-tong, has sent a telegram to General Pao Chung-hsi, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters for the South-west, emphatically denying rumours of his affiliation with the enemy.

Mr. Chan said that such rumours were apparently created for the purpose of alienating the Chinese.

Bloodstained  
Night-Shirt  
Among Clues

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—G-men, headed by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with 100 detectives, are following up clues in the murder of a man, believed to be Mr. Walter Engelberg, Secretary of the German Consul-General, in a Brooklyn house.

Officials state that hitherto there is no evidence of international complications.

The New York Post states that the authorities have learned that Engelberg operated a secret wireless station in the house up to at least three months ago.

Neighbours say that they saw many persons coming and going. The major clues include a bloodstained night-shirt.

Sentence Revised  
In Appeal

Arising from an order for the confiscation of 936 bags of flour made by Mr. T. J. Houston, Police Magistrate, as the result of a summons for alleged infringement of the "Battleship" trade mark, an appeal was brought in the Appeal Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, by Cheung Siu-fung, of the Wing Wo Cheung firm, No. 31, Des Voeux Road West.

Appellant was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, Respondent, Li Chih-hung, of Messrs. H. Skott and Co., was represented by Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth.

## JUDGE'S ORDER

His Lordship ordered the sentence to be varied to a fine of \$10 and the flour to be returned to appellant in the bags in which it was now packed, provided that, if the goods were not shipped into China within 14 days, the appellant must repack in other bags not bearing the "Battleship" mark and must return the present bags to the respondent.

The order made by the magistrate for payment of \$100 costs to respondent was annulled, and such costs, if paid, was to be refunded.

Appellant was ordered to enter into a recognisance in the sum of \$500 to ship or repack the flour.

ESCORT BUREAUX  
FEARS ALLAYED

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for the most part in the Central District. Each bureau employs from ten to thirty, or even more, girls and it is gathered that there about 3,000 girls so employed.

Employment in these bureaux is sought by girls who are unable to find work elsewhere, though in some cases they seek the aid of the proprietor to relieve themselves of pressing financial difficulties, and agree to serve him until the debt is repaid. But, charm, good looks and an entertaining manner, plus a certain amount of intelligence, are necessary qualifications.

Though some of the girls are local, born, the vast majority of them are refugees. Some have parents, children, or unemployed husbands to support, while others are absolutely alone in the world, without kith or kin.

## THE USUAL FEE

The usual fee for an escort girl is \$1 per hour from the time she leaves the bureaux, until she leaves her client. Some girls are available for 50 cents an hour, while the more exclusive charge up to \$2 with a minimum of two hours' engagement.

All the girls are Chinese, but there are one or two Eurasian and Portuguese girls in some of the bureaux.

If a girl is called by telephone to a hotel or restaurant, the hotel or restaurant concerned gets 10 per cent of the girl's earnings on that occasion. The balance is shared on a 50-50 basis between the girl and the bureau which employs her. This is the recognised basis of employment by all bureaux.

The average escort girl is able to count 50 hours work a week. This would give her an income of a little less than \$25 per week or approximately \$100 per month. The more attractive are able to maintain an average of over 100 hours a week, while there are some who have been in bureaux for months without getting any engagements.

BUREAUX DESCRIBED Here is a description of an average escort bureau in Hongkong. As one enters one sees a number of from 20 to 30 girls disporting themselves in a brightly lit, but

## Hello &amp; Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

The arrival in Hongkong of a British steamer from European Atlantic ports next week will be quite an event for many residents of the Colony. This particular steamer is regarded as the "Christmas mail boat" as it is understood to be carrying mail from many English ports.

Possibly Imperial Airways' services will be brought up to date this week-end with the arrival of the delayed Thursday service which comes into Kai Tak from Bangkok this afternoon. The Sunday inward service is reported to be on schedule. All planes will be carrying passengers and mail.

Pan American Airways' timetable which became dislocated this week due to engine trouble of the California Clipper and typhoon weather conditions, is being straightened out. The California Clipper is now reported to be arriving in Hongkong on Sunday morning and will leave the following morning. The Honolulu Clipper, due next Tuesday, has been delayed and will not arrive before Friday.

Five Chinese passengers were bound for Hanoi and Mr. R. Landis, that hectic American businessman representing Harper & Co., Ltd. was off again on calls to North China and Chungking.

The Air France plane departed within the hour of its arrival on Wednesday, on the flight to France, via Hanoi.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON a luxury Dutch commercial motorship left for southern ports. Mr. J. A. L. K. E. Kemper, official of the Java, China, Japan Line, in Kobe, was en route to Manila. His travelling is strictly business and routine.

En route to Bangkok was Mr. M. Cassel. The gay and genial spirit on shipboard before departure did not react on his disposition and he had little to say on leaving.

Mrs. I. D. Rudd, accompanied by Miss R. Rudd and Mr. Rudd, will her handsome grown-up children, spend Christmas and the New Year in Batavia. And likewise Mrs. C. Loring, accompanied by her son Mr. F. Loring, were journeying on a holiday and visit to the south.

Canadian Pacific ONE OF THE SMALLER Canadian liner called in our harbour yesterday, and delivered a few passengers for Hongkong.

Count R. de Sercey returned from a visit in Shanghai. This well-known French gentleman has certainly been travelling about during the past three months both by air and sea.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie returned from an eight-months vacation in England. Mr. Wylie, director and general manager of the South China Morning Post Ltd., was delayed on his return by the declaration of war in Europe. However, he was looking quite well and, from reports, appears to have enjoyed his visits in certain cities of the United States.

Arriving in the Colony for a short "look-see" and inspection was Mr. P. W. Tinn, Far Eastern director of the "Pacific Empire," a news magazine published daily at sea on the Canadian Pacific lines. He certainly has a job!

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde-Lay were welcomed home by a large group consisting of friends and relatives and they were quite excited about it all. Mr. Hyde-Lay, assistant in Dodwell & Co., Ltd., was equally pleased to be back after a delightful vacation.

A gentleman, prominent in Chungking and in Far East oil

poorly furnished, room. Having entered, the would-be patron is received by one of the male business-managers who inquires as to what he wants. He is then given a seat and requested to choose his fancy from among the girls present.

The girls, who live on the premises and are fed and housed by the proprietors, spend their time, between sleeping, eating and engagements, by playing mah-jong, dancing to the strains of gramophone music, or by chatting to their colleagues. Some knit or sew.

In one corner may be seen a girl dusting her coat of artificial fur, while another slips on a pair of brocade shoes. Others may be busy with their cosmetics which, like their clothes, they must provide themselves.

A piquant touch is given to the scene by the many articles of dainty feminine lingerie which one can see hung up from the wash at the back of the room over the electric heater. On the pegs along the wall are cheap overcoats, multi-coloured frocks and more feminine lingerie.

The proprietors and managers sit among the girls chatting while they make up their accounts or wait for callers in person or by telephone. The Nam Chung Po, a local Chinese daily, contains nearly three full pages of advertisements of escort bureaux.

The advertisements, which cost from about 20 cents to 80 cents per insertion, usually contain the girls' photographs, names, and in some cases, their particular qualifications for companionship.

JAPANESE SEIZE  
JUNK CARGO OF  
VEGETABLES

Preserved vegetables, to the value of \$20,000, were taken by the Japanese off a cargo junk seized in Chinese waters near Lin Tin Island, by a Japanese destroyer on Wednesday afternoon.

Heavy Sentence  
For Chinese

Sentences totalling 12 months' hard labour were imposed on a cigarette hawk, Chu Shing, when he was convicted by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Court yesterday, on charges of intimidation and assault on a woman.

Complainant in the case was Chan Fung, aged 21, residing at No. 12, Anton Street. In the witness box she told the Court that she first saw the defendant on Nov. 23, when she was having her shoes shined in Anton Street in the evening. The defendant came up to her, asked for her name, and accused her of having offended a friend of his.

Mr. F. C. Clemons, Executive Engineer of the China Light and Power Company, Ltd., gave an interesting lecture on "The Construction of a Power Generator and its Maintenance" at the Hongkong University Engineering Society last night. The lecture was illustrated by film. There was a large attendance.



# "OLD - FASHIONED REDSKIN" FIGHTING" PROCEEDING IN NORTHERN FINLAND AS FINNS ENGAGE IN CLOSE COMBAT

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—According to a Norwegian correspondent in Finland, the fighting in the northern part of the country is like the "old-fashioned Redskin fighting." The Finns are ambushing the Russians in the thick woods and taking a great toll with long knives in hand-to-hand fighting.

Daylight in this area is only some five hours long, which imposes severe restrictions on the use of heavy artillery and planes by the Russians. Heavy falls of snow are also robbing the Russians of advantages in field tanks.

The Russians claim to have advanced thirty miles south of Petsamo, but in the past twenty-four hours they do not seem to have come to grips with the main Finnish defences.

Reports by Italian correspondents state that before the Finns withdrew from Petsamo they set the town on fire, leaving the Russians with a heap of ruins.

About 1,000 people, mostly women and children and the aged, crossed over into Norway and it is learned that a number of foreign employees of the nickel mines, including Britishers and Canadians, are also safe across the border.

**STOUT RESISTANCE**  
On the southern and central frontiers, the Russians are still trying to push the Finns back and the Finns are stoutly resisting.

Yesterday morning's Red communiqué claimed that Soviet troops had pierced the famous Mannerheim Line. The Finns deny this and neutral reports suggest that the Russians merely made contact with the line at one or two points.

## Heavy Mists Prevent Air Activity

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Heavy mists again prevented air activity on either side in Finland and the recent flights by Soviet planes over Finnish territory are believed to have been undertaken to explore the possibilities of landing troops by parachute.

The Finns are undismayed, for a network of watches, with rifles loaded, stands ready day and night to deal with parachutists and anti-aircraft batteries have already proved effective against Russian planes.

Russian warships are reported to be searching for Finnish warships off the coast of Sweden.

Telegrams from Haparanda report that a fierce battle (described as the bloodiest that has yet occurred) in the vicinity of Petsamo.

It is estimated that there were 7,000 Russians in the field when the battle was begun and that they have already lost 2,000.

**COLD FURY**  
The Finns are stated to be fighting with cold and methodical fury.

According to the Aftonbladet, the Soviet steam roller on the Karelian Isthmus has apparently been checked and may even be stuck.

It is reported from Helsinki that heavy engagement occurred northeast of Kemijärvi where 3,000 Russians were driven back.

The retirement of the Finnish troops brought them to their main line of defence in this sector.

**GOVT. FUNCTIONING**  
The Finnish Government departments are still functioning at Helsinki, using secret addresses and changing telephone numbers constantly in order to frustrate possible espionage.

It is stated that 2,500 Swedes have offered to serve with the Finnish Forces.

## MANNERHEIM LINE GIVING WAY

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Thousands of men were sacrificed by the Red Army yesterday morning in a desperate attack on the Mannerheim Line. It is now admitted, however, that, as a result of the violent regardless-of-loss attack, the Soviets have gained a footing in the Mannerheim defence system.

Thrilling accounts of the battle are coming through. Wave upon wave of Russian infantry, led by tanks, hurled themselves against the Finnish defences for fifteen hours and a terrible toll was taken by machine-gun fire.

One machine-gun nest concealed in village on the edge of the Mannerheim Line held up a Soviet Brigade for more than four hours, the village streets being strewn with Russian dead.

## Italy Intends To Safeguard Sea Traffic

ROME, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Fascist Grand Council communiqué justifies the decision taken on September 1 justifying the establishing of "non-belligerency of Italy" on the following grounds:

Firstly, the immediate precedents of the war;

Secondly, the character of static war assumed by the war itself on the Western Front;

Thirdly, its development, more particularly in the economic field by the blockade and counter-blockade of traffic;

Fourthly, the changes which occurred in the territorial situation and in the relation of the forces from the Baltic to the Carpathians.

The Council says that the decision of September 1 has hitherto averted the extension of the conflict to south-eastern and Mediterranean Europe.

The communiqué asserts that Italy intends to safeguard sea traffic in the most definite manner both for prestige and the indispensable necessities of life.

## FINLAND'S DESPERATE APPEAL

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A desperate appeal to the world for help was issued by the Finnish Foreign Office spokesman, in an interview with Reuter.

He said that every Finnish citizen was asking what the world was going to do about Finland. Sympathy comes from all quarters, but they must have more than sympathy.

A small land of 3,000,000 people cannot be expected forever to hold Russia with 180,000,000.

"If someone does not come to Finland's aid she will be finished and will suffer the same fate as Poland or worse," he said. "What Sweden and Norway and Denmark are doing is lip-service and is insufficient. Arms and men must be given and given soon."

**RESULT OF DEFEAT**  
The defeat of Finland will mean far more for Britain and France and the world than the defeat of Poland and Germany should stop and think.

"Russia may now be an ally, but what chance will Germany have even if she should succeed against Britain and France?"

**SWEDISH RESPONSE**  
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—At a meeting in Stockholm, attended by 6,000 people, M. Erko, the Finnish Foreign Minister, was cheered to the echo.

When an appeal for funds to help Finland was made, even wedding rings were thrown into the collection boxes.

## ATTEMPT TO CUT FINLAND IN TWO

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It is believed here that the Russians are attempting to cut Finland in two by driving a wedge through Rovaniemi, 120 miles from the Soviet frontier, to the Gulf of Bothnia.

The Russians claim to have reached within 97 miles of Rovaniemi and within 25 miles of the railroad, the cutting of which would be an important victory. Finnish sources declare that the Russians only advanced twelve miles and are still over 37 miles from the railroad.

## RUSSIAN POSSIBLE DRIVE ON RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—While Mr. Roosevelt is considering the possibilities of American financial and other aid to Finland, Government circles are following, with increasing nervousness, reports from the Balkans indicating the possibility of a Soviet drive on Rumania.

**OMINOUS PRELUDE**  
The Soviet press attitude towards Rumania is believed to be an ominous prelude to the seizure of Bessarabia, with its rich oil and agricultural reserves.

Government circles base their fears, not only on official reports during the past day or two, but on what has happened in the past, as a prelude to such action, notably in the case of Finland.

**LOST PRIDE?**  
The strong resistance put up by the Finns has caused the Russians to lose pace, these circles point out, and so Moscow may now be preparing to make some move in the Balkans in order to recapture Russia's lost pride.

The cession of Bessarabia to Rumania at the end of the Great War has always irked the Soviet Government.

## CONTINUED PRESS ATTACKS

Moscow, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Pravda echoes, in its issue published yesterday, the attack on Rumania and Turkey shrouded by the "Communist International," organ of the Comintern.

The attack adopts the same line of threatening to rescue Bessarabia from its Rumanian persecutors of minorities and describing Turkey's alliance with Britain and France as a danger to Turkish independence.

**TROOP CONCENTRATIONS**  
A message from Rome states that reports reaching there confirm Soviet concentrations on the Bessarabian frontier.

## AMERICA RESERVES ALL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It is learned that the United States has reserved all rights, under international law, in connection with Britain's order to stop German exports, being made through neutral countries.

It is understood that this reservation was communicated to Lord Lothian for transmission to London. It is said to be strictly "not in the nature of an open protest" and is based on two points:

Firstly, the question of principle under international law (in the World War the United States, as long as she was neutral refused to accept the British blockade on Germany);

Secondly, the United States really needs some of the articles she once purchased from Germany, including fine precision instruments.

It is understood that Britain is willing to make a concession on such essentials to permit them being sent from Germany.

## FINNISH-AMERICANS RALLY TO COLOURS

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A total of 230 Finnish-Americans, many of whom have never seen Finland, arrived here yesterday to join the Finnish Army as volunteers. They left New York early last month when it became apparent that the Russians were eager to pick a quarrel.

News of the Soviet invasion of Finland reached the contingent while they were at sea.

## ANGLO-TURKISH FINANCIAL PACT

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Anglo-Turkish financial and economic discussions are proceeding to a conclusion and an agreement in principle, is expected to be signed shortly.

## DIFFICULT POSITION FOR CHINA

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Chinese Ambassador in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, left for Geneva on Wednesday night to attend the League meeting.

The Chinese in London find themselves in a difficult position.

While naturally sympathising with Finland, they cannot fail to recognize that gratitude is due to the Soviet for substantial help afforded to China in her struggle against Japan.

## Pedestrians Killed In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Two Chinese pedestrians were killed and one wounded this morning when a gunman in the Settlement tried to escape from the scene of an attempted attack on Ku Shou-cheng, said to be "a high Taitao Police Officer."

While Ku was waiting for a bus at Weihaiwei Road, the gunman approached and fired one shot. Ku jumped to cover and managed to escape.

The Settlement Police chased the gunman, who discharged his Mauser pistol wildly in an attempt to shake off his pursuers.

**BRITISH ON SCENE**  
The gunman was brought down by British members of the Police, Sub-Inspector Bretherton and Sergeant Cornwall, who happened to be on the scene on motor-cycles.

An ambulance rushed to the scene and within the short distance of a block picked up four pedestrians shot by the gunman in his flight, two of whom were hit on the head and found dead.

The others, including the gunman, were sent to hospital.

## HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, DEC. 8 (REUTER).—A HISTORIC ENCOUNTER TOOK PLACE IN A FRENCH PROVINCIAL TOWN BEHIND THE LINES YESTERDAY, WHEN THE HEADS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND FRANCE CLASPED HANDS.

His Majesty the King entertained M. Lebrun and M. Daladier to lunch, which Viscount Gort, the Duke of Gloucester and other high French and British officers were present.

Cordial toasts were exchanged. Says Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F.

## ALLIED ARMAMENT FOR TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The purchase of armaments and war material of the most modern types from the Allies was announced by Gen. Orbay, who has returned from a mission to London and Paris.

He said they had brought back excellent results and emphasised that the Allied statesmen had expressed the warmest admiration of confidence in the Turkish Army.

Gen. Orbay added that the economic mission, headed by M. Menemencioğlu, now in London, hoped to reach a very satisfactory agreement shortly.

## Merchantman Lost Off Nova Scotia

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Naval headquarters announced that nine lives are believed to have been lost in the sinking of a British merchantman (name not given) off Nova Scotia.

The victims died of exposure after their lifeboat capsized.

## ALLSOPP'S BEER

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## WORK OF LIFE BOATS INCREASED

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The work of lifeboats throughout the British Isles has been greatly increased since the beginning of the war. Seven hundred and seventeen lives have been rescued which is five times the amount saved in the same period last year.

Lifeboats along the British coast were called out 300 times in some of the worst gales experienced.

## Mutually Advantageous System

## BRITISH CHARTERING OF NEUTRAL SHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It was officially confirmed in London yesterday, with reference to the statement made in the House of Commons by the Lord of the Admiralty regarding the British chartering of neutral vessels, that the Ministry of Shipping has already arranged employment for several millions of neutral tonnage.

**MANY ADVANTAGES**  
Such action is advantageous to neutral ship-owners, in that the British Government takes over the liability of war risks the profits guaranteed are not speculative and the vessels chartered will be conducted from port to port by the effective convoy system of the Royal Navy.

Experience in recent weeks suggests that British ships proceeding in convoy are safer from indiscriminate German attacks than neutral vessels travelling unaccompanied and peacefully on normal commercial business.

**ALL FACILITIES**  
Neutral ships are finding employment in British trades on the same footing as British ships in respect of bunkers, repairs and other facilities, which mean so much to shipowners even in peacetime and become increasingly important in war.

It is thus clear that the system of chartering neutral tonnage by Great Britain operates to the mutual advantage of both parties.

## ITALIAN & BRITISH PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Finnish Air Force has taken delivery of some fifty to sixty Italian planes.

British factories will be sending thirty fighter aircraft to Finland shortly and also a large quantity of war materials.

Orders for these were placed sometime ago and the shipment are in fulfilment of private contracts and it is emphasised in London that the British Government has no connection with these shipments.

A message from Washington states that President Roosevelt hopes to be able to help the Finns by supplying them with surplus crops on credit.

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# PAGE FOR THE CHURCHES

## CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

### ECHOES OF THE WAR: SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION FOR WAR PRISONERS

The war had gone on for only a very short time when the first casualty among Catholic army chaplains was reported, a Frenchman, Canon Ernest Fouchey, from Aunten, the first priest to die on the Western front in the war. Four other chaplains have since been killed.

From "Somewhere at sea" came an appeal from Vice Admiral Hornell for more support for the "Apostleship of the Sea," which looks after the interests of Catholic seafarers. Admiral Hornell, a brother of the late Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, who is a Catholic since 1933, is Chairman of the International Council of the "Apostleship of the Sea." He returned to the sea from retirement on the outbreak of the war.

In the course of his appeal he wrote:

"Never in all our history has the destiny of our people, nay of our Christian civilisation, been more certainly dependent upon the self-sacrifice of those who man our ships. The ship in which I sail has officials and men who are Catholics. So it is with numbers of our ships and those of our great Catholic ally France."

#### CATHOLIC MISSION

The Swiss Catholic Mission, which during the last war arranged for Catholic priests to visit prisoners of war in the belligerent countries, is making preparations to carry out similar arrangements during the present war.

Its principal aim is to see that all Catholic prisoners have every opportunity of practising their material comforts, arranging correspondence with relatives and passing on parcels of clothing, food and other things, and carries out the most varied services in connection with the soldiers.

The Mission is presided over by the Bishop of Lucerne, Geneva and Freiburg, Mgr. Besson, and is assisted by all the Catholic institutions in Switzerland.

#### FLOYD GIBBONS

Floyd Gibbons, whose motion picture "shorts" relating to true adventures in the every-day lives of people made him even more widely known than his work as a journalist, died a few months ago. He was a Catholic. He was born in Washington D.C., and attended the Jesuit College and University (Georgetown) in that city.

He took up journalism after leaving the university and was on the staff of many well-known papers in the United States, but he became best known by his work as a war correspondent which took him to all parts of the world. He was celebrated for his vigorous style of reporting. He did not draw on his imagination, so many other vivid reporters do, but made every

effort to be close to any action that he was describing.

During the Great War he was at one time reporting the operations of the U. S. Marines and he followed so close to the scene of action that he was wounded and lost an eye. After the war he became a popular radio commentator in the United States. He was one of those to whom is most responsible the present-day form of "streamlined" American news-bulletins.

A fellow journalist applied to him the words which he used at the grave of the "priest of the Sahara," St. Charles de Foucauld, sixteen years ago:

"In the fullness of your life we find inspiration to live better. Your feet trod the paths of adventure through distant, dangerous lands where life was cheap. Here today we bow our heads in gratefulness."

#### TENNIS STARS

The engagement of two well known Catholic tennis players, one British the other from New Zealand, to two sisters was announced a short time ago. The Englishman is G. P. Hughes, the Davis Cup player, and the New Zealander C. E. Maltroy, the champion of his native country.

Pat Hughes, as he is commonly called, is one of the most travelled of British tennis stars, for he has played in twenty-four different countries. He was a member of the team that recovered the Davis Cup from France in 1933.

He was most successful as a doubles player, and he won the Wimbledon doubles championship with Tuckey in 1935, the French doubles title with Perry in 1933, and the Australian doubles, also with Perry, in 1934. He has held the singles championship of Italy, which he won by a brilliant defeat of Cochet.

Another reminder of one once well known in the sporting world, appeared in the news recently in unusual circumstances, when Sr. Marie Winifride Gill wrote from Spain to some sportsmen whom she knew, asking for help for a convent in Switzerland which gave her succour where she took refuge there during the Spanish war.

Her father was the well-known Yorkshire greyhound trainer, who trained the most famous of dogs "Master McGrath," for Lord Lurgan. It was in connection with courting that Gill went to Ireland, and there he became a convert to the Catholic Faith.

#### CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

2nd Sunday in Advent.  
Solemn Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.  
Morning Services: 1st Mass at 8, with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 8, Solemn Pontifical Mass and Papal Blessing; 3rd Mass at 10, with sermon in English. Evening Services: 1st—Catechetical Instruction; 4—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction; Consecration of China to the Blessed Virgin. Dec. 12—Holy Hour from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Dec. 13—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. Dec. 16—St. Alice, Empress. The Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord begins at 6.30 p.m. and it will be continued till December 24 at the same hour.  
On week days: Mass at 8 and 7.30 Confessions morning and evening.

#### EMMANUEL MISSION CHURCH

Sunday, 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Service. Preacher, Rev. Wilfrid Stott (Nanning). 2.45 p.m. Sunday School. 3. Bible Classes. 7.30 Song Service conducted by Mrs. Roberts & Mr. Macleod. 8 Evening Service. Preacher, Dr. Lechmere Giff. Subject, "Is God controlling the affairs of the world?" Text, "Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God was coming. (St. Luke 17:20). Monday—7.30 p.m. S.A.C.A. Blackboard Meeting. 8 Bible Study Circle at 792 Nathan Road, 1st floor. Tuesday—2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese. Wednesday—8 p.m. Praise & Prayer Meeting.

#### ENGLISH METHODIST

Queen's Road East, (Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital). Bus No. 5 or 5A.  
Services on Sunday.  
Preachers, Morning—Rev. E. Moreton; Evening—Rev. J. E. Sandbach.  
Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 12, Prayer, Hymn No. 127, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 313, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices. Hymn No. 303, Sermon, Hymn No. 368, Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn No. 79, Prayer, Hymn No. 569, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 624, Sermon, Hymn No. 891, Benediction.

#### NOTICES

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & 8. Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club is meeting on Monday and Tuesday 7 p.m. at 8 & 8. Home. There will be a meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at 8 & 8. Home on Tuesday 8.30 p.m. A Servicemen's Dance will be held at 8 & 8. Home on Friday 8.30 p.m. The band of the 2nd Batt. Royal Scots will be in attendance by kind permission of the Commanding Officer. Tickets \$1, including refreshments. Ladies by invitation.

Thursday—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 216 Nathan Road, 1st floor. 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Friday—8 p.m. Bible Study Circle at 3, Ho Man Tin Street, Top floor.  
All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

#### LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG.  
The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be "God the preserver of Man."  
The Golden Text will be:—"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." (Ps. 121:8)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

Second Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The monthly Holy Communion Fellowship Breakfast will follow this service. All Communicants are invited to be present. Matins and Address 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar, Evensong and Address 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Vicar. The Sunday Evening Club will be held in the Chater Room after the evening service. Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader: Mr. R. Baldwin.

#### WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. Fellowship of Youth, 8 p.m. Teacher's Preparation Class, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mother's Union, 3 p.m. Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m. Boy's Choir Practice, 6 p.m. A. R. P. Lecture in the Hall, 6 p.m. Wednesday Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Rover Scouts (1st Kowloon) at 11 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, at 8.45 p.m. Thursday, Women's Fellowship, 3 p.m. Boy Scouts, 6 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Committee meeting at 8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club "Open" night at 9 p.m. Friday, Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. A. R. P. Lecture, 6 p.m. Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m. Toc H in the Chater Room, 6.45 p.m.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Advent.  
First Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m. Second Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday School for Children at 3 p.m. On week days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass—On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

#### ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (KOWLOON)  
Dec. 10—2nd Sunday of Advent. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.  
8.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Holy Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.  
On week-days: Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m.

## NEWSETTES

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote will be present at the Races at the Valley on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m.

The annual weight-lifting competition of the Maurice College of Physical Education will take place on Sunday, December 17, at 2.30 p.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will be present at a concert by the Hongkong Chamber Music Club at Government House on Friday at 9.30 p.m.

Opium Suppression Inspection Corps for Yunnan, Kweichow, and Szechwan have been organised. Messrs. Ting Chao-kuan, Ho Yushu and Wang Ching-yu have been appointed chiefs of the respective corps.

#### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Dec. 10 1939—Advent Sunday.  
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Holy Communion in Peak Church. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: Rev. E. W. L. Martin. 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose. Children's Services—Cathedral 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service. Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School; Stanley Sunday School Room, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Weekdays:—Holy Communion is celebrated on:— Thursday at 7.30 a.m. Friday at 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese). Wednesday Prayer for the sick, at 10.15 a.m.

Other Notices: Dec. 11—10 a.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Committee Meeting, Choir Vestry. 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Finance Committee Meeting. Cathedral Office, Dec. 13—10.12.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m. Choir Practice (Boys), Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall, Dec. 14—3.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m. Cathedral Church Council Meeting, Cathedral Office, 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Scouts Meeting, Bishop's House, Lower Albert Road, Dec. 15—5.30 p.m. Choir Practice, Cathedral.

Before every service a book is placed in the Porth at the West Door. Newcomers to our Cathedral are asked to write their names and addresses in this book. It is very difficult for the clergy and officers of the Cathedral to know members of the congregation without this co-operation.

#### ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH SERVICES

The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute Hongkong  
CHURCH SERVICES  
Sunday next Advent II. 8 a.m. Holy Communion & 8 p.m. Evensong and Short Address. Preacher: Rev. Charles Strong (Chaplain).  
Notices: All seafarers are invited to a Social Hour in the Lounge after the Evening Service. N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

#### ROSARY CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Advent.  
At 6.30 Mass with sermon in Chinese. 7.30 Mass with sermon in English. 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese. 9.30 Mass with sermon in English, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.  
At 2 p.m. Catechetical Instruction in Chinese.  
At 2.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Monday—Meeting of the Children of Mary's Sodality at 6 p.m. Thursday—Meeting of the Catholic Ladies Association at 11 a.m. Saturday—The Novena for Christmas begins to-day at 7.30 a.m. On week-days: Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.  
On Sunday, at the St. Paul's Chapel (185 Portland Street, Mong Kok): At 6 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese. At 8 p.m. Evening Prayers, Sermon in Chinese and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### CHRIST CHURCH KOWLOON TONG

Mr. G. S. SHE TO PREACH AT MATINS  
Dec. 19 Advent II.  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday Schools: Seniors at the Church, Kindergarten at 3 Duke St., 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher: Mr. George She, 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar. Subject, "The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus."

Monday, Dec. 11—Guild of Martha and Mary—Meeting in the Vicarage at 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Miss E. M. Gibbins. Headmistress of Diocesan Girls' School. Nativity Play Choir Practice at 5.30 p.m. Play rehearsal at 8.30 p.m. Also on Thursday, Dec. 14 at same times. Tuesday, Dec. 12—Church Council meets in Christ Church Vicarage at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13—Wolf Cubs meet at 3 Duke St. at 4.30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14—Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.

#### MANDARIN SERVICE

A Service in Mandarin is held every Sunday at 11 o'clock in Christ Church. Preacher for Dec. 10 will be Miss Pao-sun Tseng, Principal of I-Fang College, Changsha.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

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#### TOMORROW

HAYDN SYMPHONY NO. 6 "THE SURPRISE"

Mozart Concerto  
10.30—11.30 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from the Union Church.  
11.30 Close down.  
12.15 Mozart—Concerto in G Major.  
Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.  
12.40 Two Songs by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).  
"Die Fledermaus" (Strauss); My Lord Marquis; I'll Play The Innocent Country Maid—Accompanied by the Vienna State Opera Orchestra.  
12.45 Elgar—Serenade in E Minor For Strings, Op. 26.  
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.  
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra.  
Penny in the Slot (Ashworth-Hope); The Fiddlers At The Forge (Ivory)—Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra.  
Heaven In A Song (Alfred Tauber)—Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Chorus and Orchestra. An Old World Garden—Medley.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 Beethoven—Sonata in A Major, Op. 110.  
Wilhelm Kempff (Piano).  
2.05 Beethoven—Trio in G Major, Op. 9, No. 1.  
The Pasquier Trio.  
2.30 Close down.  
7.00 Compositions of Schubert.  
Spring Will Come—Heinrich Schumann (Baritone) with Piano. Andantino Varié (In B Minor), Op. 84, No. 1—Arthur Schnabel and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Two Pianos). A Song of Vienna—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra. Rondo in A Major—Henri Temianka (Violin) and the Temianka Chamber Orchestra.  
7.30 London Relay—The News.  
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 Piano Solos by Cortot.  
Improvisation No. 2 in F Sharp Major, Op. 38 (Chopin). Pappilons, Op. 2 (Schumann).  
8.22 Haydn—Symphony No. 6 in G Major (The "Surprise" Symphony).  
Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.  
8.45 Studio—Talk by Madam Sun Yat Sen on "The Meaning of the Chinese Industrial Co-Operatives."  
9.05 Orchestral.  
Festive Tempo Di Bolero—No. 3 of "Scenes Historiques"—Sibelius, Op. 25—His Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 Compositions of Ravel.  
Alborada Del Gracioso (Extrait des "Miroirs")—Orchestra Des Concerts Stravinsky conducted by Walter Straram. Piece En Forme De Havernt—Maurice Maréchal (Violin) with Maurice Pauré at the Piano. Three Songs for Unaccompanied Mixed Chorus; Nicolette; Ronde; Trois beaux oiseaux de Paradis—The Lyons Mixed Chorus conducted by Leon Vieux. Triligne—Rhapsodie De Concert—Francescatti (Violin) with Maurice Pauré at the Piano.  
10.00 Edouard Commette at the Organ.  
Andante from "Sonata No. 6" (Mendelssohn). Piece Heroique (Cesar Franck).  
10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.  
Conducted by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Victoria.  
10.25 Close down.

## Sino-British Cultural Assn.

### INFORMAL GARDEN PARTY

An informal garden party for members of the Sino-British Cultural Association was held yesterday afternoon at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, Hongkong University.

The function was most successful, the large number of members attending finding in it a delightful opportunity of making friendly contacts and exchanging ideas.

Next on the Association's programme of activities this season is a talk on Tea, to be given by Mr. P. R. Witham, Tea Adviser to the Chinese Government, at the Fung Ping-shan Library on Friday, Dec. 22.

### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—Dr. Chan Man-wah, of No. 56, Kun Chung Street, first floor, and Miss So Fui-ying, nurse, of No. 57, Ha Heung Road, second floor; Mr. Yen Sik-wa, of No. 234, Cheung-shawan Road, first floor, and Miss Lee Woon-kin, nurse, of No. 6, Koi In Fong, ground floor; Mr. Hugh William Chapman Milner, journalist, of the South China Morning Post, and Miss Yvonne Morrison, of No. 3, Etrick Street, Ashbury, Sydney, Australia; Mr. George Charles Moss, police officer, and Miss Kathleen Eleanor Tonge, of No. 78, Leighton Street, Ruchill, Glasgow, Scotland; Mr. Louis Bmg-fal, accountant, of No. 111, Bonham Strand, East, and Miss Ng Yan-koon, of No. 123, Queen's Road West, first floor.

### LADY NORTHCOTE'S BROADCAST

Lady Northcote regrets that, through an oversight, she did not mention in her broadcast talk on 5th that Mrs. Ingram is running a centre for the Women's Section of the Y.M.C.A. as well as one for the Kowloon Union Church.

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## Satisfactory Position Of Hongkong And Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

The construction of a special ice tank of 4½ tons, for emergency use during hostilities and for economical operation, due to restricted business, was mentioned by the Hon. Mr. H. S. Dodwell, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at the company's eighteenth annual general meeting, held yesterday at 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong.

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts for last year, the chairman said:—The Company's position as shown by the accounts before you today is, I am pleased to say, more satisfactory than that reported last year. Unfortunately, however, the political situation in Canton still had a detrimental effect upon our trading during the period under review.

You will observe that the profit on working account amounts to \$15,719.26 as compared with \$690.02 last year. This increase is due primarily to revenue derived from the storage of dry goods as distinct from our cold storage business. Ice sales for the period at 698,067 tons show a slight increase over those for last year. Certain economies have also been effected to bring about the result.

### REPAIRS AND RENEWALS

In the Profit and Loss Account, the charge for repairs and renewals is in excess of the figure charged last year and much of the expenditure under this heading was necessitated by the shaking of the machinery and buildings suffered from nearby explosions during the hostilities in Canton. Depreciation has been provided on a scale commensurate with that for past years and is consi-

dered by your directors to be sufficient at the figure of \$14,829.82. I trust you will approve. Your Directors have waived their fees for the year.

Referring to the balance sheet I would mention that the addition during the year of \$1,599.82 to Machinery and Ice Stores represents the cost of the foundation for the new Oil Engine purchased last year and the construction of an Ice Tank of 4½ tons capacity for emergency use during hostilities and for economical operation having regard to our restricted business. The small addition of \$130.00 to Furniture and Fixtures is for 2 electric fans.

A regret to report that in May some damage was done to our No. 1 Compressor which is still out of commission. It is not intended meantime to have this repaired until the position in Canton is more settled. Otherwise the Plant and Machinery is in good condition. Your Buildings are in good state of preservation and have been redecorated during the year.

### LOSS OF \$39.44

The net result for the year is a loss of \$39.44 which, under the very adverse circumstances, must, I think be considered as not unsatisfactory. There are no other

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## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS' SERVICE)

London, December 7.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½% (Red after 1952)	92½
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5½%	17
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue)	55
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	50
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	27
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	38
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	12
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5½% Loan	55
Hokan Rly. 5½%	15
Hukuang Rly. 5½%, 1911	17
Hukuang Rly. 5½%, 1911 (German Issue)	16
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5½% 1913	14
Shai-N'king Rly. 5½%	20
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5½% (Brit. Stpd.)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5½% (German Stpd.)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5½% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5½% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	14
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	48½
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	55½
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	44
Chartered Bank	8
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	82½
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	84½
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18/6
Chosen Corporation	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	—
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	13
Shai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	23
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	21/3
Allied Ironfounders	15/3
Asso. & Elec. Industries	39/4
Austin Motors, ord.	17/6
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	56½
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	90/7½
Mercantile Bank	11½
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/4½
Mexican Eagle	6/6
Courtaulds	35/4½
Distillers	64/3
Dunlop Rubber	27/4½
Gen. Electric (England)	75/4½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	82/6
Hawker Siddeley Airco.	16/3
Bristol Aeroplane	15/7½
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29/10½
Imperial Tobacco	116/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/9
Rolls Royce	96/3
Leyland Motors	88/4½
Tate & Lyle	57/3
Turner & Newall	73/7½
United Steel	21/3
Smethwick Drop Forg.	13/6
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	6/9
Pressed Steel, com.	14/1½
Vickers, ord.	16/6
Woolworths	61
Anglo-Dutch	27/4½
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	33/1½
Burma Corporation	11/3
Commonwealth Mining	—
Maraman Investments	14/9
Randfontein Estates	38/1½
Western Holdings	11/3
Sub-Nigel	202/8
Tanami Gold Mining	3d
Anglo-Iranian	53/9
Burmah	61/3
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	79/4½
—Nominal	—

### SHORTAGE OF COWS IN NORTH HUNAN

CHANGSHA, Dec. 8 (Central).—

There is a grave shortage of cows in North Hunan, as a result of Japanese seizure during their September-October drive, writes a Central News correspondent touring the front.

It is feared that spring sowing will be seriously affected unless remedial measures are devised.

According to investigation, some 5,000 Chinese civilians lost their lives during the recent operations and damage to civilian property is roughly estimated at over \$500,000-000 (National Currency).

### RELIEF WORK

Chinese government delegates are busily engaged in relief work. Refugees are temporarily accommodated in sheds and many are plying small trades to eke out a living.

There is a congenial air between the civilians and troops and the morale is excellent.

Officers and soldiers who talked with the correspondent intimated that they are awaiting the order to start big-scale operations against the enemy.

## Finance and Commerce

### H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Enquiries during the week have broadened throughout the list and have been coupled with an advance in traders bids for scrip. The volume also has steadily improved and shows signs of continuing to expand. The weather just now is at its best thereby tempting Capital to emerge from its hibernation to take more notice of its monetary surroundings. Capital may also be scenting the pungency of good dividends ahead especially when based on today's conservative basis of prices.

### BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

H.K. Banks, \$1330.	
Docks, \$19.	
Providents, \$4.15, \$4.20.	
Hotels, \$4.65, \$4.70.	
Lands, \$33.	
Tramways, \$16, \$16.20, \$16½.	
Yau-mat Ferry, \$23.	
China Lights (O), \$7.80.	
China Lights (N), \$4.70.	
Telephones (O), \$22, \$23, \$23½.	
\$24.	
Cements, \$14.80, \$15, \$15½.	
Ropes, \$5, \$5.10.	
Dairy Farms (O), \$20, \$20½.	
Watsons, \$8.15, \$8½, \$8.30, \$8½.	
\$8.35.	
H.K. Mines, 4 cents.	
Govt. 4% Loan, 100.	

### HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Friday, Dec. 8, 1939.

China Provident	500	\$ 4.30
China Provident	250	4.25
Raubs	100	10.00

### BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1330.	
Bank of East Asia, \$71.	
Canton Ins., \$205.	
Union Ins., \$390.	
Douglases, \$71.	
Providents, \$4½.	
Lands, \$33.	
Realities, \$4.30.	
Chinese Estates, \$100.	
Tramways, \$16.30.	
Star Ferries, \$24½.	
Yau-mat Ferry, \$23½.	
Electric, \$51½.	
Sandakan Lights, \$11½.	
Telephones (O), \$24.	
Telephones (N), \$8.	
Cements, \$15.30.	
Ropes, \$5.10.	
Dairy Farms (O), \$20.30.	
Dairy Farms (N), \$19½.	
Watsons, \$8.35.	
Entertainments, \$8½.	
Constructions (O), \$1½.	

### SELLERS

H.K. Steamboats, \$11.	
Watsons, \$8.60.	

### HONGKONG MINES: NOVEMBER OUTPUT

Hongkong Mines, Limited, advise that their output during November amounted to 3751 short dry tons of ore treated, from which 374.51 dry tons of lead concentrates were produced, averaging 61.99 per cent lead and 13.21 oz. silver per ton (short) and 0.03 oz. per short ton gold.

### Record Rice Harvest This Year

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Central).—An average eight per cent increase in the production of rice has been registered in the various provinces in Free China, according to the Central Agricultural Experimental Station.

The increase breaks all records since 1931. Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hunan and Kwangsi boast of the greatest increase.

### SALES

Providents, \$4.30.	
Lands, \$33.	
Tramways, \$16.30.	
China Lights (N), \$4½.	
Telephones (O), \$24.	
Dairy Farms (O), \$20½/30.	
H.K. Govt. Loan, 97.	
Cements, \$15½/40.	



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## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	FRIDAY 8. DEC.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
<b>Banks</b>								
\$1330	...	...	...	H.K. Bank	...	...	...	\$1330
...	...	...	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	284½
...	...	...	...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	284½
...	...	...	...	Chartered Bank	...	...	...	28
...	...	...	...	Mercantile Bk. "A"	...	...	...	229½
...	...	...	...	Mercantile Bk. "O"	...	...	...	211½
...	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	72
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...	...	...	...	Tramways	...	...	...	\$18½
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...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...	\$3.55
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	\$23½
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...	...	...	...	Ropes	...	...	...	\$5.15
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## ICE CO. MEETING

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Items which call for comment and I now propose that the accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I will be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which Shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Sewell, in seconding the motion, said that the shareholders appreciated the action of the directors in waiving their fees.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. Ho Kom-tong, retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposal by Mr. W. L. Alexander. Mr. B. C. Tavadia seconded.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce moved that Messrs. Percy M. Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$350.

This was seconded by Mr. Ho Kom-tong and carried.

The meeting then terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

## COTTON OPTIONS IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Governor of Bombay, according to an official announcement, intends in the next day or two to make an act declaring void options in cotton along the lines of the ordinance issued on Sept. 22.

The ordinance prohibited option business in cotton in view of the violent fluctuations in prices.

## WEATHER REPORT

HONGKONG ROYAL  
OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 8.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.22 ins.  
Temperature, 87° F.  
Humidity, 69 per cent.  
Wind Direction, ESE.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.  
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 74° F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 61° F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.

Against an average of, 84.30 ins.  
Sunset tonight, 5.39 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.51 a.m.

4 p.m., December 8.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 69° F.  
Humidity, 59 per cent.  
Wind Direction, ESE.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Maximum temperature, 71° F.  
Minimum temperature, 61° F.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 9 to 15 Dec. 1939

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	9	h. m.	f. in.	h. m.	f. in.
		08 54	5.1	02 28	1.9
		20 10	7.7	13 25	3.6
Sun.	10	08 49	5.1	03 09	1.5
		20 8	7.9	14 02	3.6
Mon.	11	10 39	5.0	03 49	1.2
		21 4	8.0	14 37	3.7
Tues.	12	11 24	7.9	04 27	1.0
		21 58	8.0	15 16	3.7
Wed.	13	12 08	4.9	05 04	1.1
		22 28	7.8	16 49	3.8
Thur.	14	12 52	4.8	05 42	1.2
		22 56	7.4	16 36	4.0
Fri.	15	13 37	4.8	06 22	1.4
		23 21	7.0	17 08	4.2

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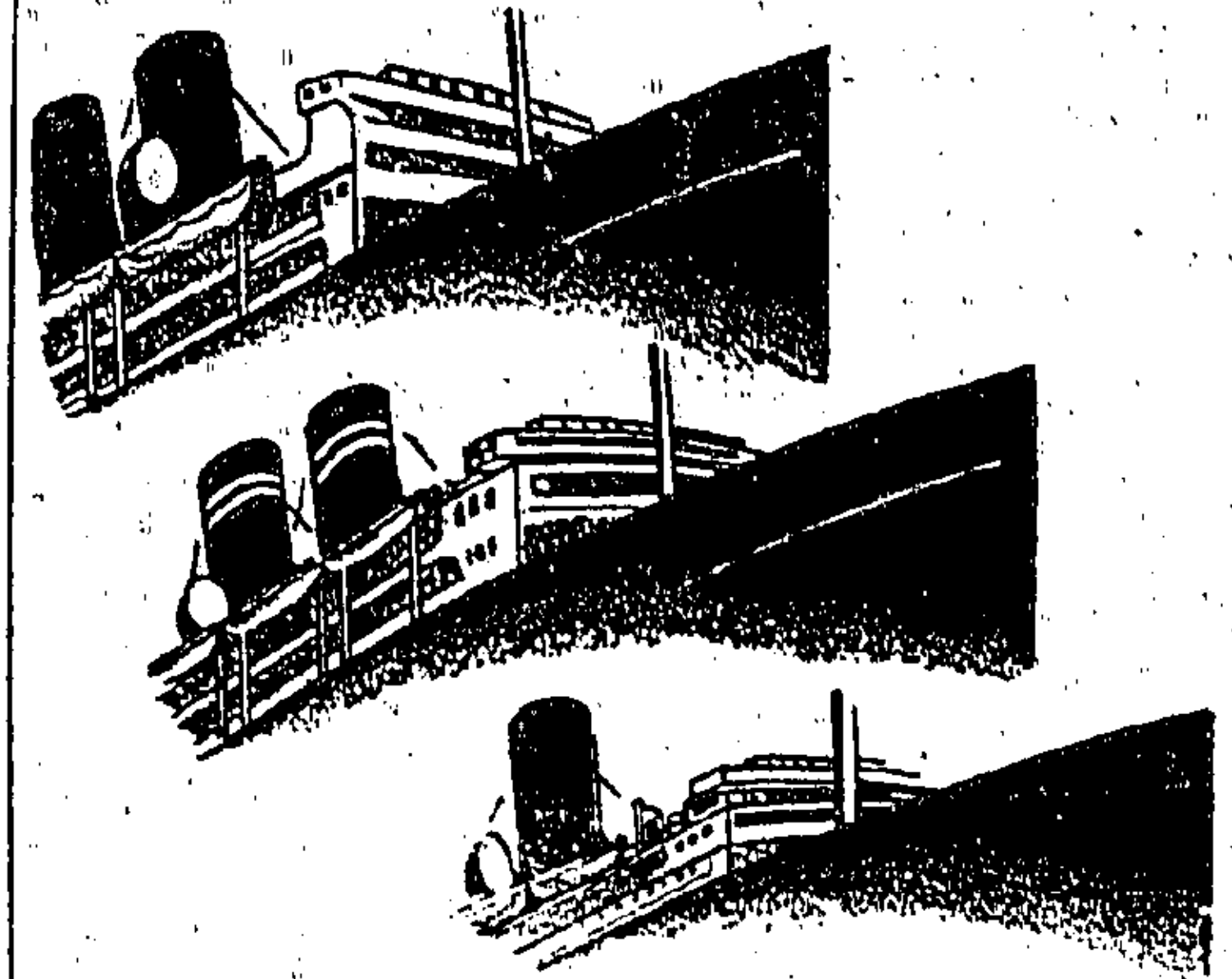
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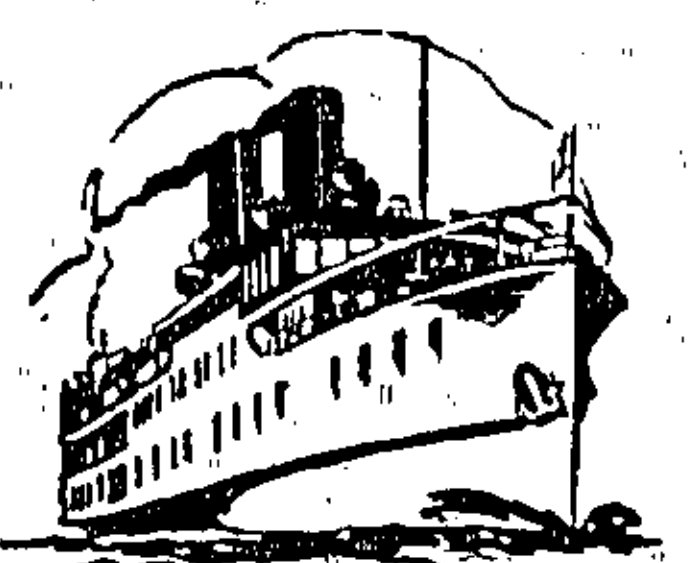
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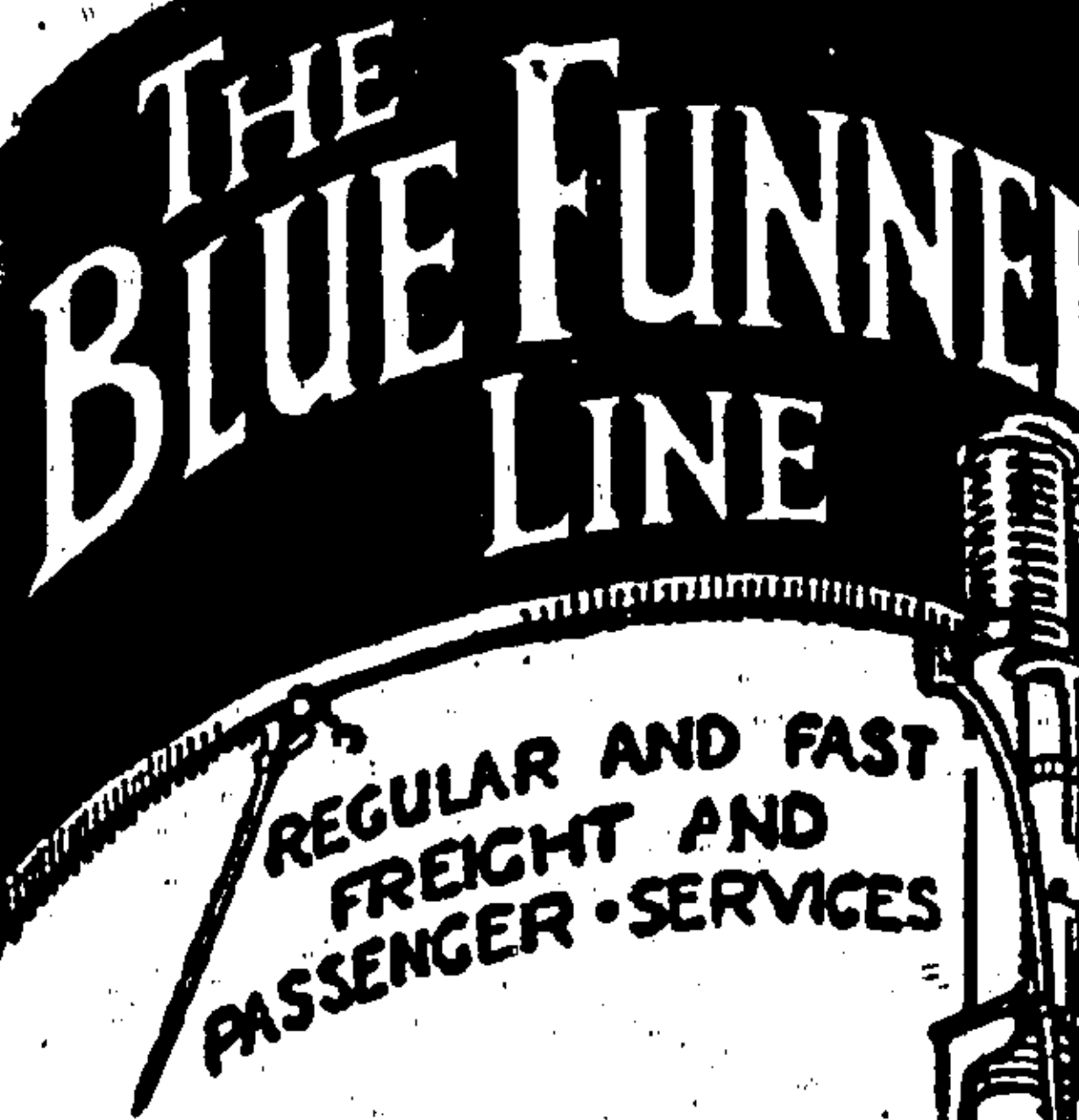
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BIG SOCCER MATCH AT  
CAROLINE HILL TODAYSouth China "A" Will Be  
Opposed To Kwong Wah

BY "PILAT"

Entertaining football is assured for fans this week-end, as in  
nearly all the matches on the programme opposing teams are  
evenly matched.The two League leaders, South China "A" and Eastern, will  
have to face stiff opposition in Kwong Wah and Middlesex, respec-  
tively.On the Caroline Hill ground,  
SOUTH CHINA "A" are favoured  
to gather two further points at the  
expense of KWONG WAH, who still  
have an outside chance of winning  
the League. This should induce  
them to greater efforts and a close  
game, therefore, is expected.The champions will be at full  
strength again, though Lau Tau-  
man is reported to be still up in  
Shanghai. However, Lau Chung-  
sang has proved an able deputy and  
should retain his place.I understand that Lee Wei-  
tong will definitely be turning  
out this afternoon and, with  
his inclusion, should restore  
some of the brilliance to the  
attack that has been so mark-  
edly absent in the past two  
weeks.Kwong Wah will most probably  
be fielding the same eleven as that  
which defeated Kowloon. The  
electricians were certainly better  
off as the result of the changes  
though they took a long time to  
get accustomed to their new posi-  
tions.It appeared that the bugbear of  
the Kwong Wah's forward line was  
to find the right place for Cheuk  
Shek-kam. Since Li Yan-leung's  
promotion to the leadership, he had  
played in nearly every position in  
the front line, but I think he has  
at last found his right berth, at  
inside-left.The most disappointing feature  
in the Eastern team is their for-  
wards, as much had been expected  
from them. The only player to  
produce true form is Hau Ching-to.  
He has been playing consistentlygood football this season and can  
be considered the best left-winger  
in local soccer at present.  
It is hoped, however, that  
with Lee Tak-kee leading the at-  
tack, the forwards will show more  
life. Another fault that they will  
have to correct is the shyness on  
the part of the forwards to take  
a shot. This fault of the forwards,  
with the exception of Hau Ching-  
to, was very conspicuous in their  
game against South China "B".The "Diehards" seem to be at  
their best when they play stronger  
teams and it will not be surprising  
if they should provide Eastern with  
their second defeat this season.

GOOD GAME PROMISED

A good game is promised when  
ST. JOSEPH'S meet KOWLOON in  
the Valley. Both teams are evenly  
matched but Kowloon will have a  
slight edge over their opponents in  
that they possess a stronger de-  
fence.In view of last week's result  
Kowloon would be well advised to  
put Williamson back at centre-  
half. Bliss, who is essentially a  
half-back, can play on either of the  
wing-half berths and, with Max-  
well, should form a strong inter-  
mediate line. Jackson, who has  
led the attack before, can again  
be entrusted with that position.This, I believe, will solve the whole  
problem for Kowloon.

POLICE AT HOME

With the advantage of home  
ground POLICE should be able to  
account for CLUB while SOUTH  
CHINA "B" are expected to beat  
the ROYAL NAVY.South China "B" will be without  
Kwok Ying-ki who was injured in  
the match against Eastern last  
week.

FORECAST

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. Kwong Wah  
POLICE v. Club  
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon  
EASTERN v. Middlesex  
Royal Navy v. SOUTH CHINA "B"

Chinese

Delegation To

League

SINO-JAPANESE

DISPUTE UNLIKELY

TO BE DISCUSSED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It  
is revealed here that the Chinese  
delegation to the League Assem-  
bly, comprising Dr. Wellington  
Koo, Mr. Quo Tai-chi and Dr. King  
Wen-sze, is due to arrive at Geneva  
today.Unless the delegation firmly in-  
sists on the inclusion in the dis-  
cussion of the Sino-Japanese hos-  
tilities on the agenda, it is stated  
that the League meetings will  
unlikely take up the Sino-Japanese  
dispute, restricting the discussion  
to the Soviet-Finnish dispute.

SOVIET WITHDRAWAL

Geneva reports received here  
indicate the strong possibility of  
the withdrawal of the Soviet from  
the League, while League members  
are understood to be watching  
the attitude of the Baltic States  
and China at the forthcoming  
meetings.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET

TEAMS

The following have been chosen  
to represent the Hongkong Uni-  
versity 1st XI in a friendly cricket  
match against the Indian Re-  
creation Club at the Pavilion, to-  
day at 2.00 p.m. sharp:—1st XI: W. S. Gegg, R. S. Gill,  
K. T. Loke, R. M. Soares, C. N.  
Matthews, Tam Kong Yee, V. Lin-  
gam, N. C. Sen Gupta, J. Tsui, G.  
Hong Choy, S. Mahmood.The following will represent the  
Hongkong University 2nd XI in a  
friendly cricket match against the  
Club de Recreo, at the Recreo  
Ground, today at 2.00 p.m.  
sharp:—2nd XI: L. H. Tan, O. V. Cheong,  
Lim Meng Sal, Ameerali, Kenneth  
Lo, J. Fenton, Hooi Chens Weng.Teoh Traw Bee, N. Singh, L. Gut-  
terres, B. S. Chowla.Reserves:—S. C. Hung, Bashir  
Ahmed.

Umpire:—K. S. Oh.

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CLUBWEIGHTS FOR 13TH  
EXTRA MEETINGThe following are the handicap  
weights for the Hongkong Jockey  
Club's Thirteenth Extra Race  
Meeting to be held at Happy Val-  
ley on Saturday next, Dec. 16, at  
2 p.m.:—Race No. 2—3 Furlongs: Brutus  
150; Dick Turpin 140; Heinz 135;  
Macquarie River 135; Pumpernickel  
180; Schmutterling 135; Tarzan  
135; Twilight Star 140; Zodiac  
135.Race No. 3—1 Mile: Dow Jones  
140; Geordie 153; Gog 145; Hed-  
don 154; King's Envoy 140; Mata-  
dor 158; Rose Day 140; Smiling  
Time 168.Race No. 5—1 Mile: Commence-  
ment 140; Expansion Time  
153; Gladiator 140; Humdrum Eve  
168; Jennifer 167; Just In Time  
140; Lancashire Lass 140; New  
Star 156; Oak Bay 140; Potentate  
153; Rob Roy 167.Race No. 7—1 Mile: Boolat Bay  
161; Clowner 140; Dawn Star 154;  
Galveston Bay 151; National Pride  
153; Rose Flana 167; Salvage Mas-  
ter 140; Scenic View 147; Soldier  
of Britain 140; Tampa Bay 159;  
Tuxing Master 168.Race No. 8—1 Mile: Gold Coin  
168; Lancashire Chap 140; Night  
View 168; Piet Hein 154; Valorous  
140.

ROBBERY REPORT

Robbery of a Shanghai Chinese,  
named Loong Lin-sun, at his resi-  
dence at No. 55, Ma Tau Wei Road,  
Hungshom district, was reported to  
the police.It appears that three men armed  
with daggers entered Loong's  
house at about 9.15 yesterday  
morning and after threatening the  
inmates, got away with \$372 in  
Hongkong currency and jewellery  
valued at about \$75. The police  
are making enquiries.Teoh Traw Bee, N. Singh, L. Gut-  
terres, B. S. Chowla.Reserves:—S. C. Hung, Bashir  
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Navy will meet the Club.The game will commence at 4  
p.m.Prior to the Triangular Tourna-  
ment game, there will be a match  
commencing at 2.45 p.m. between  
the 8th Heavy Regt., R.A., and the  
Club A XV.

CLUB TEAMS

The Club sides have been select-  
ed as follows:—1st XV:—F. M. Thompson (15),  
D. I. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell  
(3), J. Hutchison (1), D. H. Ste-  
wart (2), J. C. Charter (4), J. R.  
Henderson (22), R. E. Heasman  
(11), R. G. Castleton (25), P. F.  
Wanklyn (26), E. A. Bompas (27),  
C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Ken-  
nedy (18), A. F. Walkden (13)

(Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

A XV:—G. S. Wilson, H. van  
Leeuwen (Captain), M. G. Carru-  
thers, D. B. Nelson, H. M. Laval-  
le, C. F. Fay, J. M. Thomson, L. A.  
Searle, K. W. Salter, H. W. E.  
Heath, J. S. Dunnett, E. C. Lus-  
combe, B. O. M. Deane, A. G. Dal-  
ziel and W. B. Richardson.

NAVY TEAM

The Navy team will be selected  
from the following players:—Pay Lieutenant Stevens; Mid.  
O'Riordan; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul,  
Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieut.  
Commander Clark, Lieut. Bax;  
Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Ldg. Sig. Inglis,  
Lieut. (E) Brown, L.S.A. Palmer,  
Fl-Lieut. Taylor, C.P.O. Wtr. King,  
Pay-Lieut. Charles, Ldg. Wtr. Fer-  
ris, L.A.C. Gale, A.B. Longmuir.Dardanus  
Repaired  
By JapaneseEXPECTED BACK  
IN H.K. DEC. 15Arrangements have been com-  
pleted for the departure of the  
Imperial Airways' crew of the  
R.M.A. Dardanus, Captain J. N.  
Wilson and First Officer J. F.  
Raeburn, accompanied by a com-  
pany engineer, on Monday for  
Weichow Island.The aviators, accompanied by  
Commander Honda, of the Japa-  
nese Navy, will leave Hongkong by  
a commercial steamer for the port  
of Huihow, there they will proceed  
to Weichow Island by a Japanese  
military vessel.Capt. Wilson, First Officer Raeburn  
and the engineer will return  
immediately to Hongkong by the  
Dardanus, which has been repaired  
at Weichow Island by the Japa-  
nese. The plane is expected to ar-  
rive at Kai Tak on Dec. 15.A concert, organized by the  
French Club (Cercle Universitaire  
Francaise) of H.K.U., is to take  
place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8.30  
p.m. at the Union Assembly Room  
(the University, Prof. Harry Ore  
will render pianoforte numbers ex-  
pressive of modern French music,  
from such composers as Debussy,  
Ravel, and Francis Poulenc. The  
literary part of the programme will  
consist of the following:—Modern  
French Poetry, with an introduc-  
tion in English; Contemporary,  
Dada and Surrealist Literature.H.K. HOCKEY CLUB  
TEAMSThe following teams have been  
selected to represent the Hong-  
kong Hockey Club in matches ar-  
ranged for the coming week:—"A" XI versus 2nd XI Royal  
Scots Regiment: On the Club  
ground on Monday, Dec. 11, at 5  
p.m.:—H. W. Brown; W. Schnabel  
and A. M. J. Wright; J. H. Steven,  
H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.) and E. H.  
Brazel; W. Spencer; G. D. Wool-  
gar, E. F. A. Morgan, E. W. Ban-  
nister and I. P. Tamworth.1st XI versus Club de Recreo  
1st XI:—On the Club ground on  
Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m.: V.  
M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V.  
Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed  
and Cdr. F. Corrie Hill; S. A. Fow-  
ler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett  
(Capt.), T. D. Whitley and R. A.  
Bates.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five  
written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the  
Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces,  
for all countries.Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.  
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From	Due
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—London date, 29th November	9th Dec.
Shanghai	8th Dec.
Shanghai	9th Dec.
Formosa and Swatow	9th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Ser- vice"—San Francisco Date 28th November.	10th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	
—London date, 2nd December	10th Dec.
Canton	10th Dec.
Amoy	10th Dec.
Straits and Saigon	10th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	10th Dec.
Haiphong, Hothow & Fort Bayard	10th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	10th Dec.
Haiphong	10th Dec.
Sandakan	10th Dec.
Straits	11th Dec.
Tientsin	11th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	11th Dec.
Manila	11th Dec.
Shanghai	12th Dec.
Straits	12th Dec.
Java and Manila	12th Dec.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 6th December	13th Dec.
Manila	13th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	13th Dec.
Japan	13th Dec.
Canton	13th Dec.
Straits	13th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	13th Dec.
Straits	14th Dec.
Shanghai	14th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th November)	15th Dec.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	15th Dec.
Haiphong	16th Dec.
Manila	16th Dec.
Shanghai	17th Dec.
Straits and Manila	18th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November)	20th Dec.
Straits	20th Dec.
Java and Manila	20th Dec.
Rabaul	20th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 22nd November)	21st Dec.
Shanghai	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
Straits	22nd Dec.
Japan	22nd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November)	23rd Dec.

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For	Date and Time
SATURDAY	Sat. 9th.
Tourane	9.30 AM
Manila	10.30 AM
Shanghai and Japan	10.30 AM
Saigon	10.30 AM
Parcels only for Shanghai	10.30 AM
Canton	10.30 AM
Parcels only for Haiphong	1.00 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
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—due London 17th December	Reg. 5.00 PM
Straits	Ord. 5.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 10th.
Fort Bayard	9.00 AM
Amoy	9.00 AM
Haiphong	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 11th.
Canton	7.15 AM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"— due San Francisco, 17th December.	K.P.O. Reg. 9th 5.00 PM Ord. 9th 5.30 PM
Bangkok	G.P.O. Reg. 9th 5.00 PM Ord. 11th 7.30 AM
Canton	10.30 AM
TUESDAY	Tue. 12th.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	2.30 PM
K.P.O.	Reg. 5.00 PM
Ord. 5.30 PM	G.P.O.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM
—due London, 20th December.	Ord. 7.00 PM
K.P.O.	Reg. 5.00 PM
Ord. 5.30 PM	G.P.O.
Airmail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Im- perial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 18th December.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 13th.
Parcels only for Swatow	10.30 AM

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